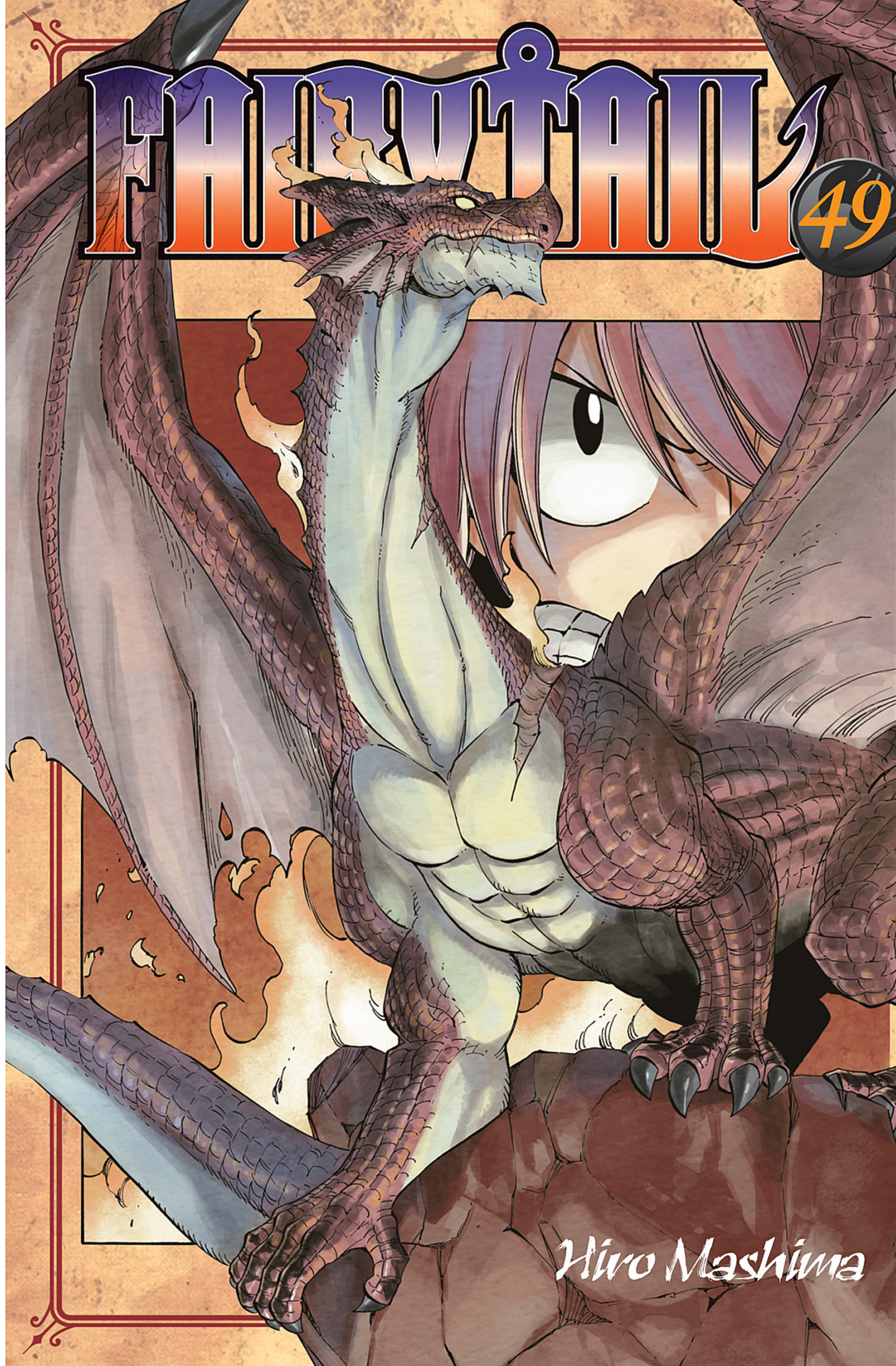


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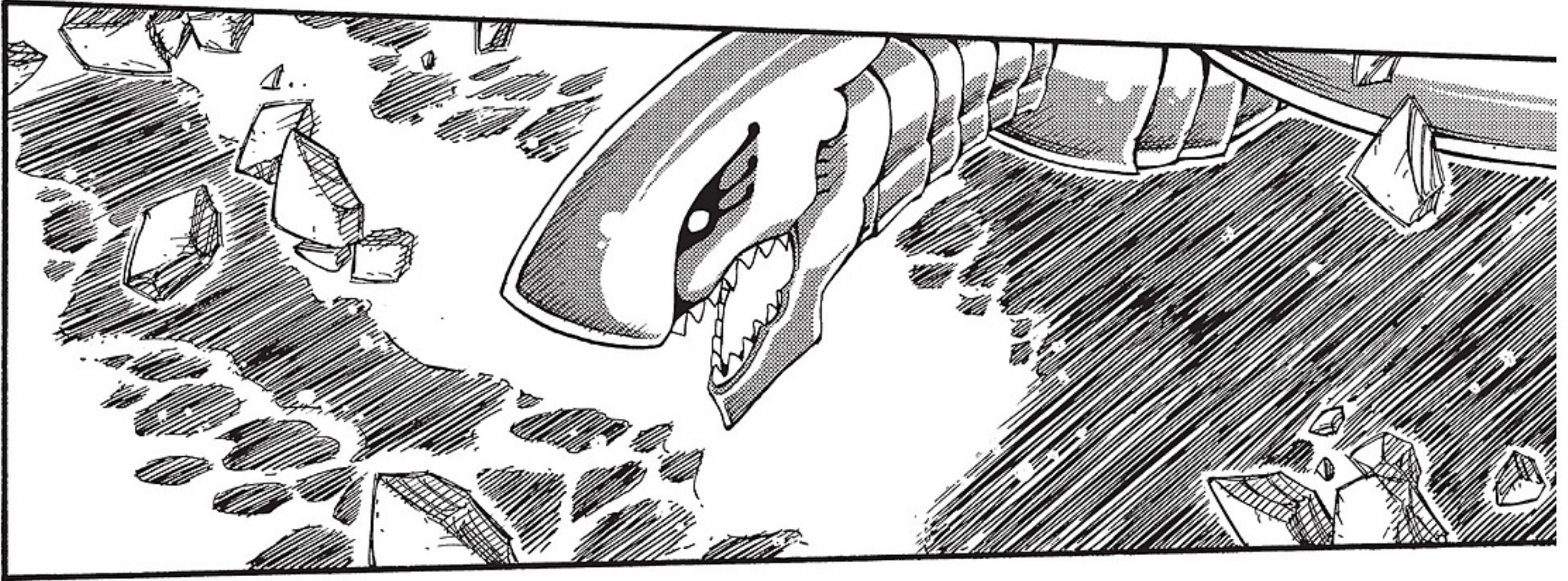
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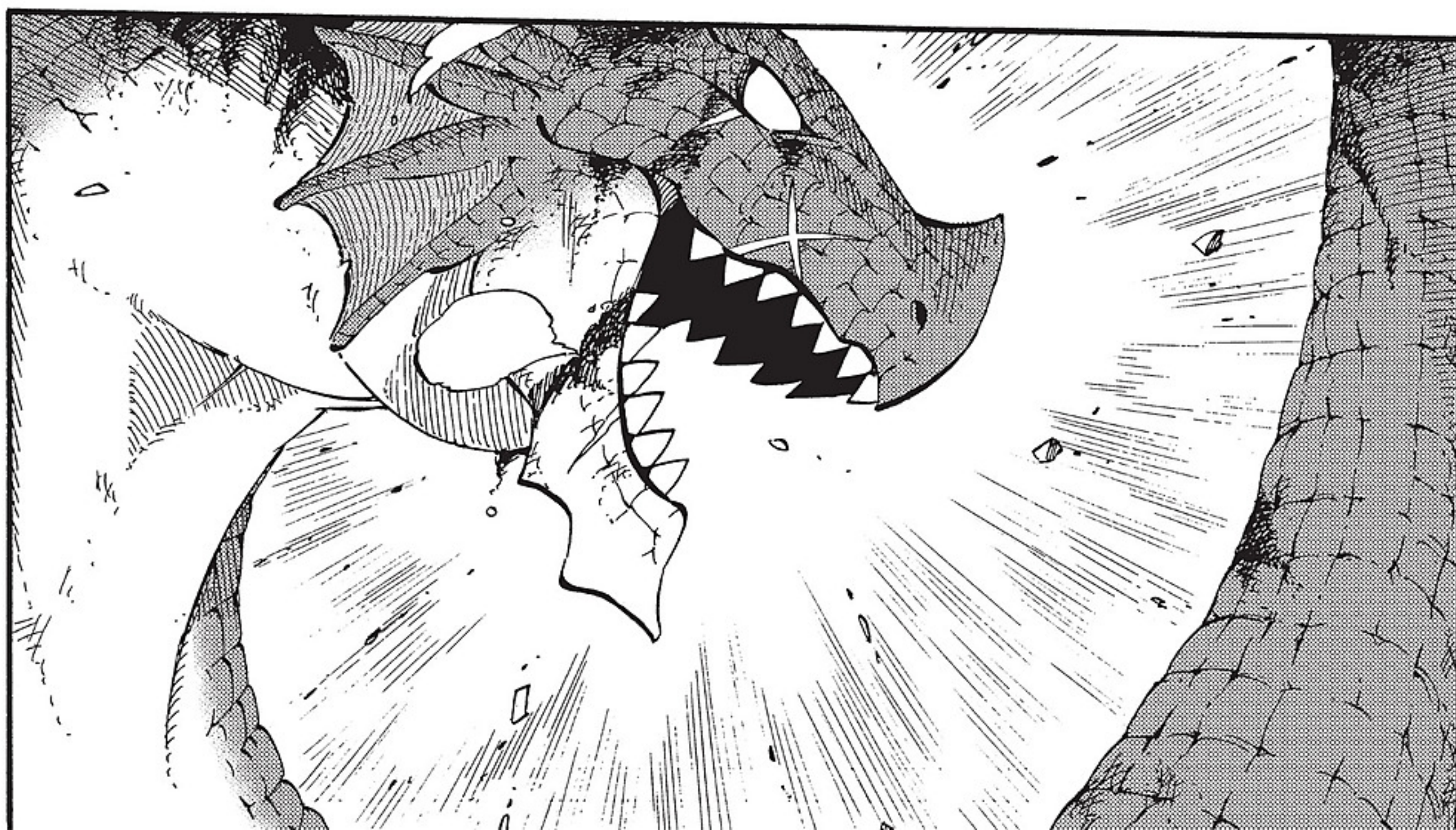
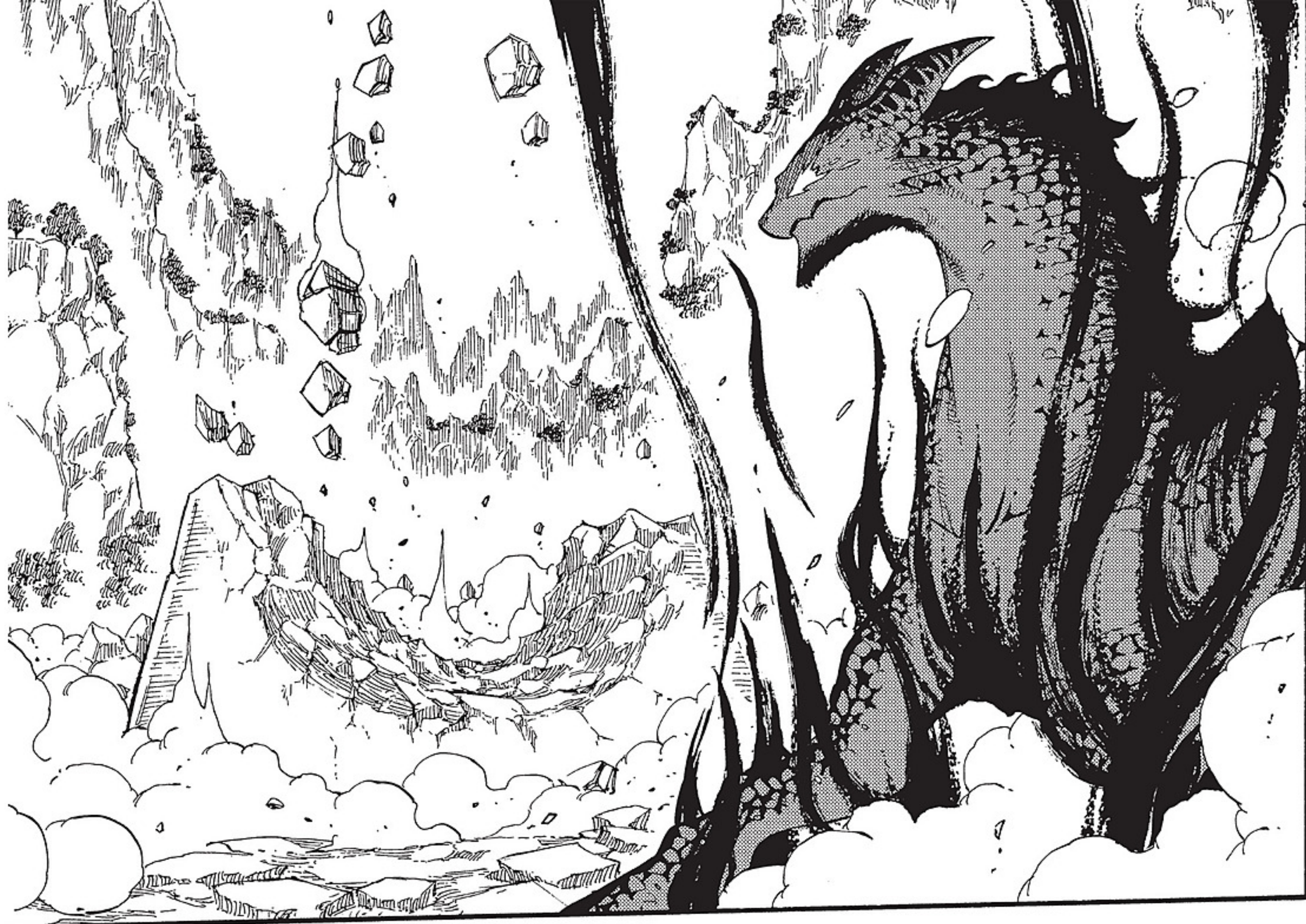
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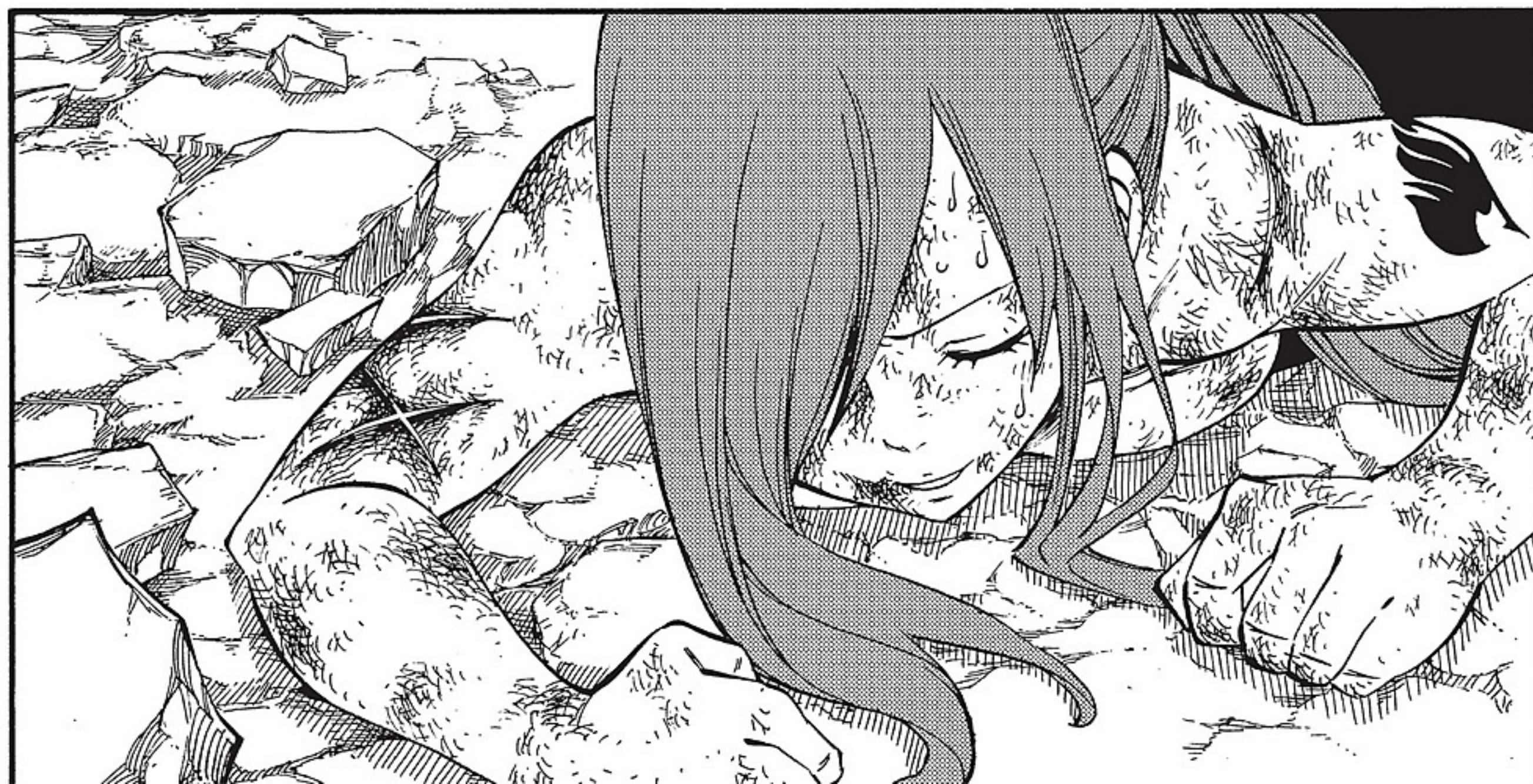
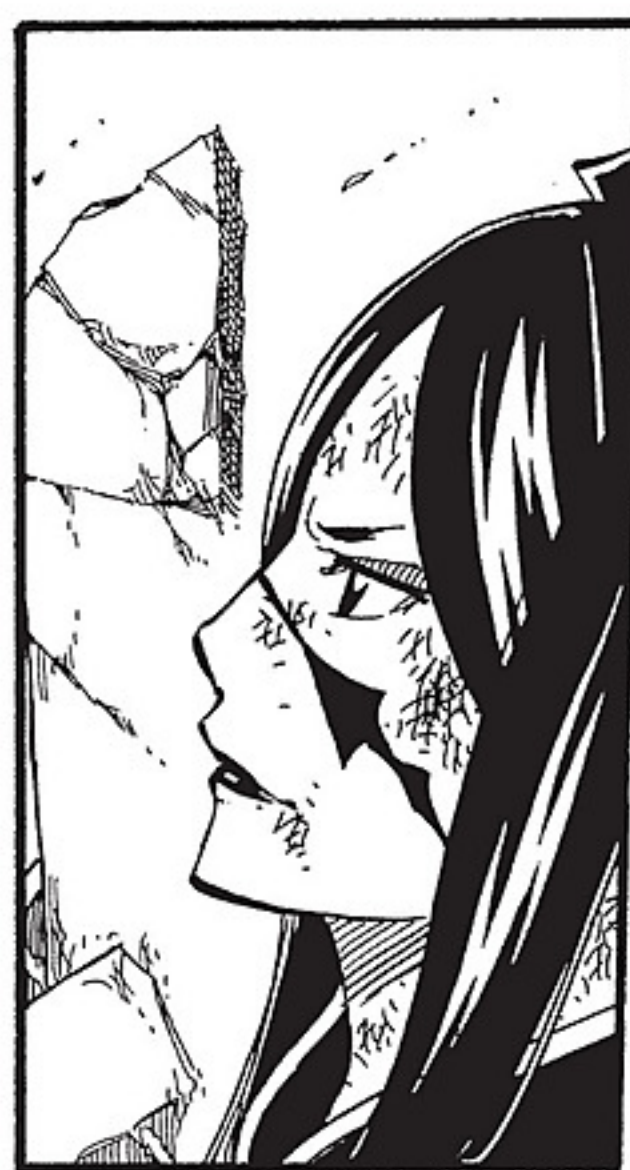
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Chapter 413: The Tome of END







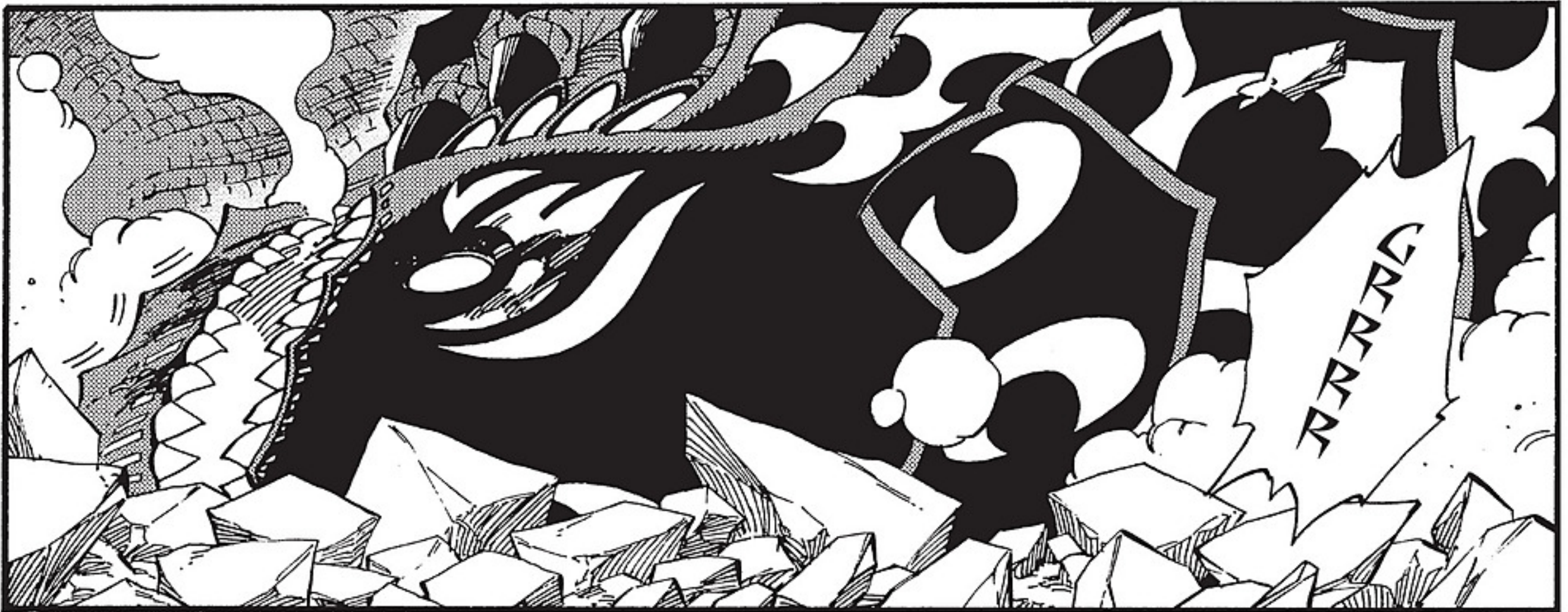




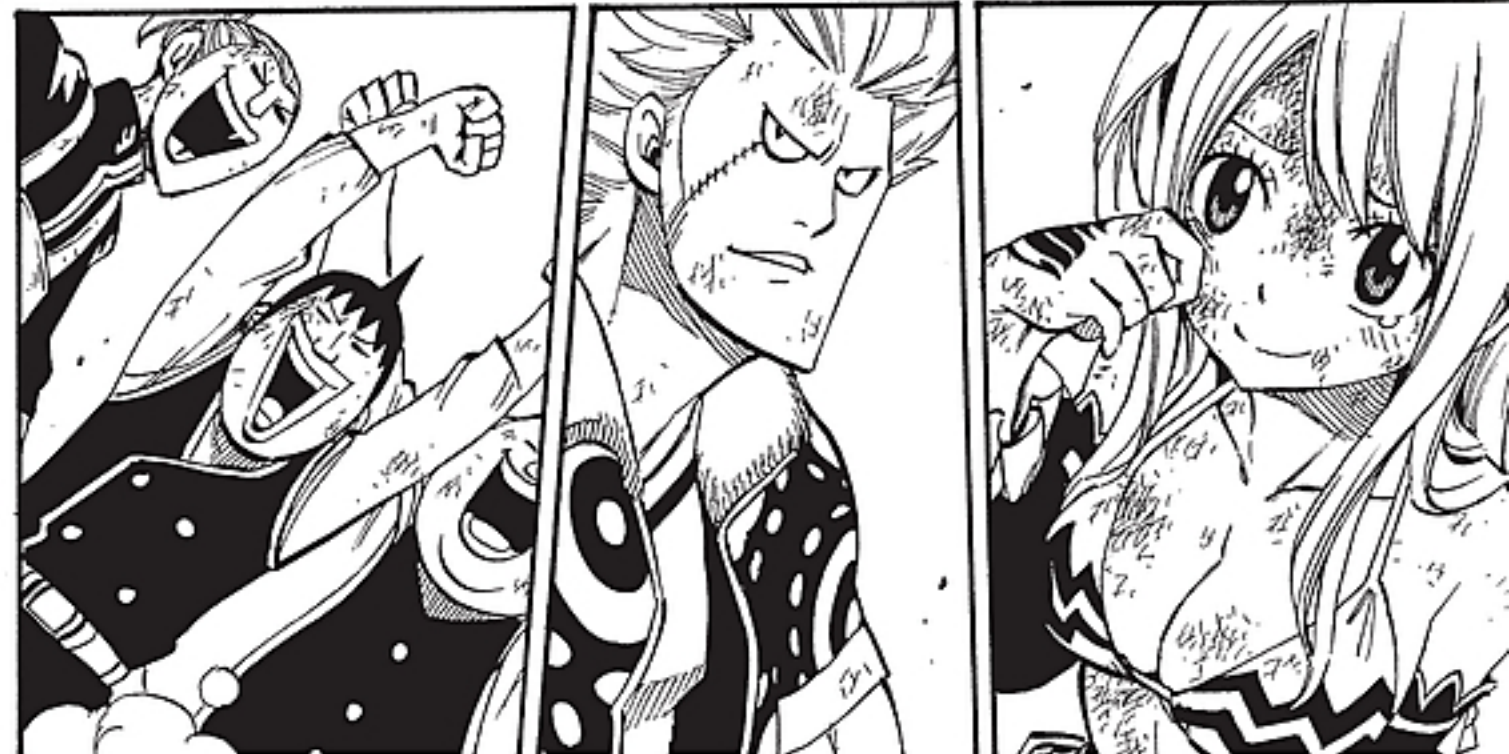
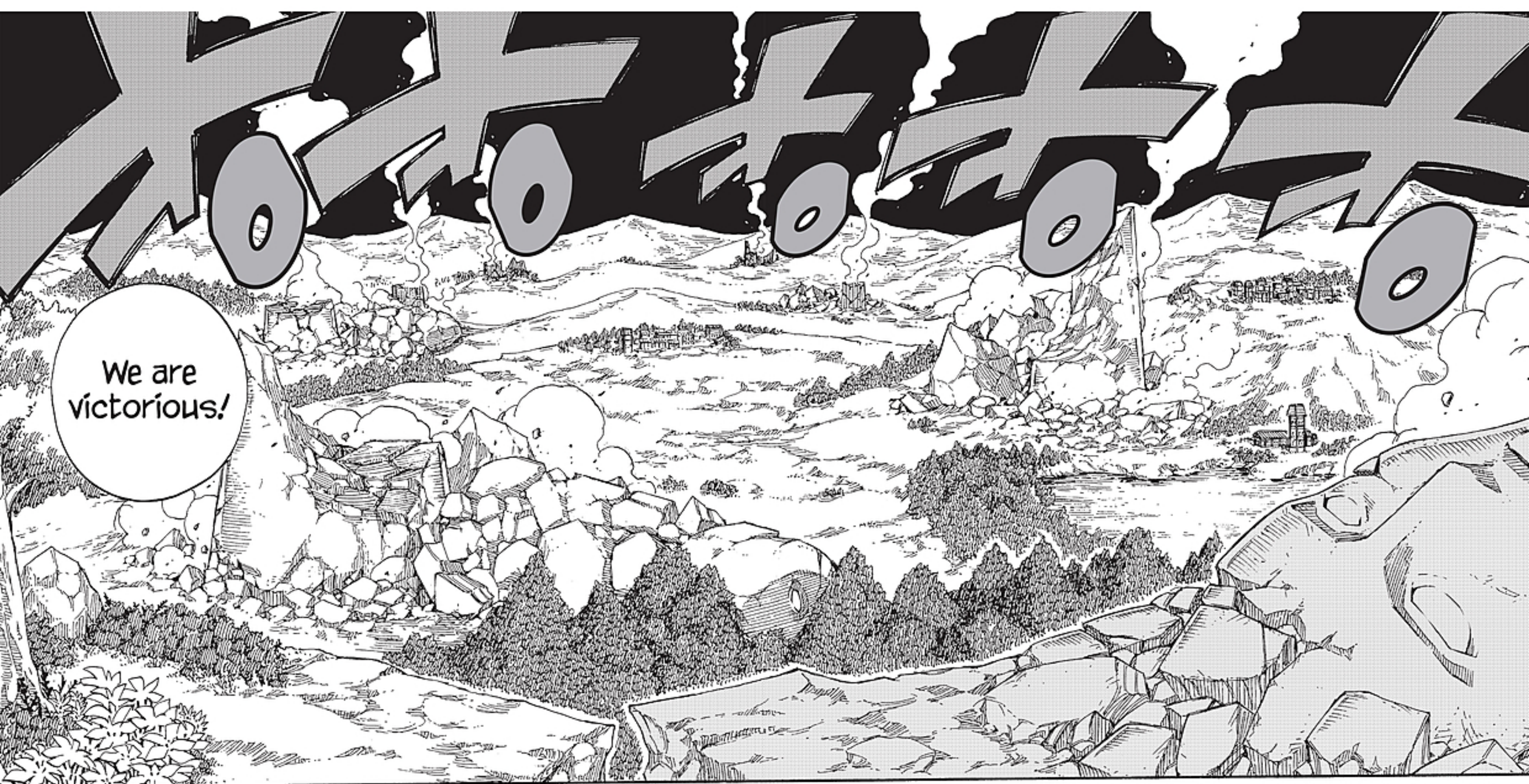
They blasted
all the Face
bombs on the
continent...

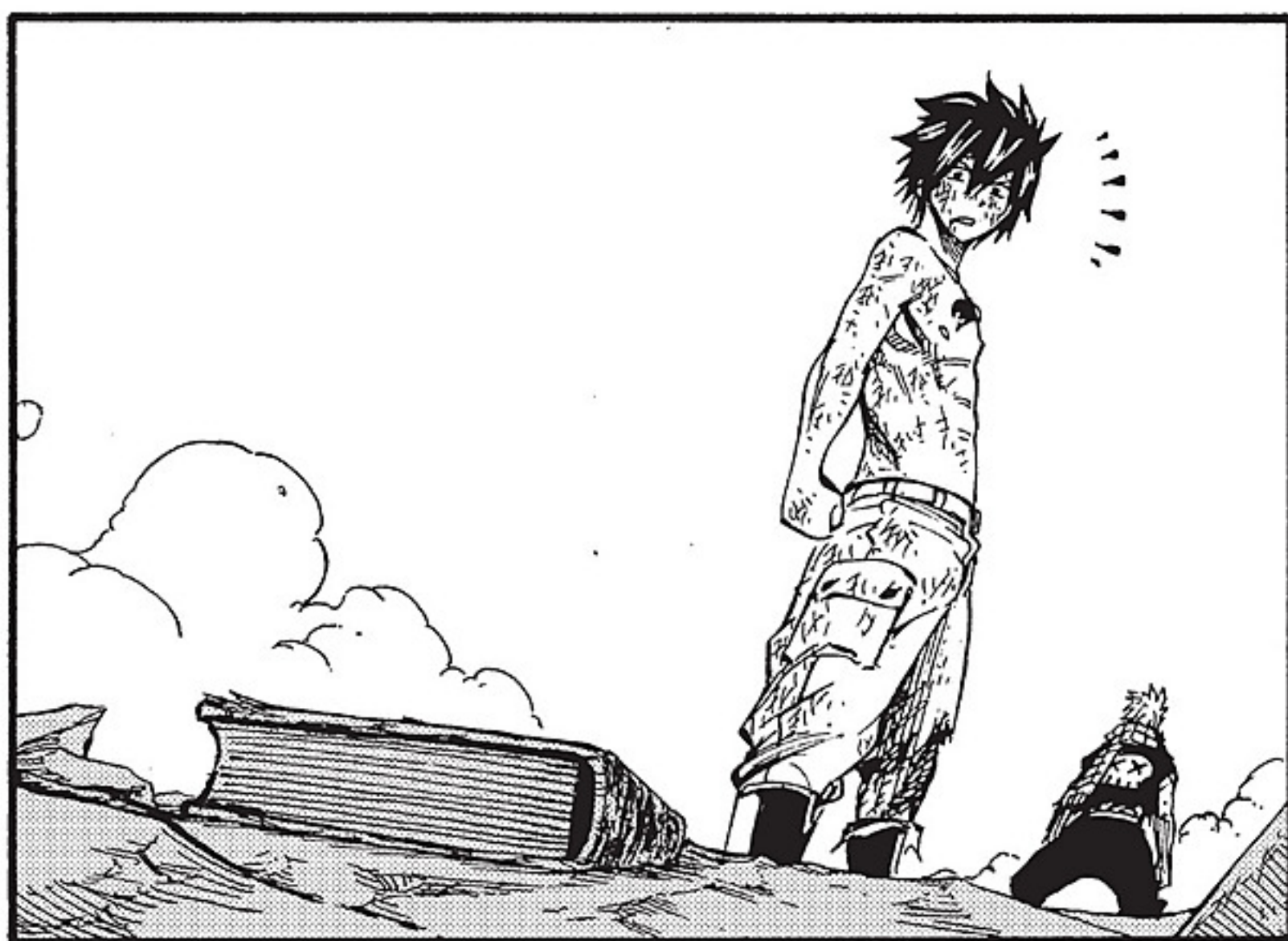


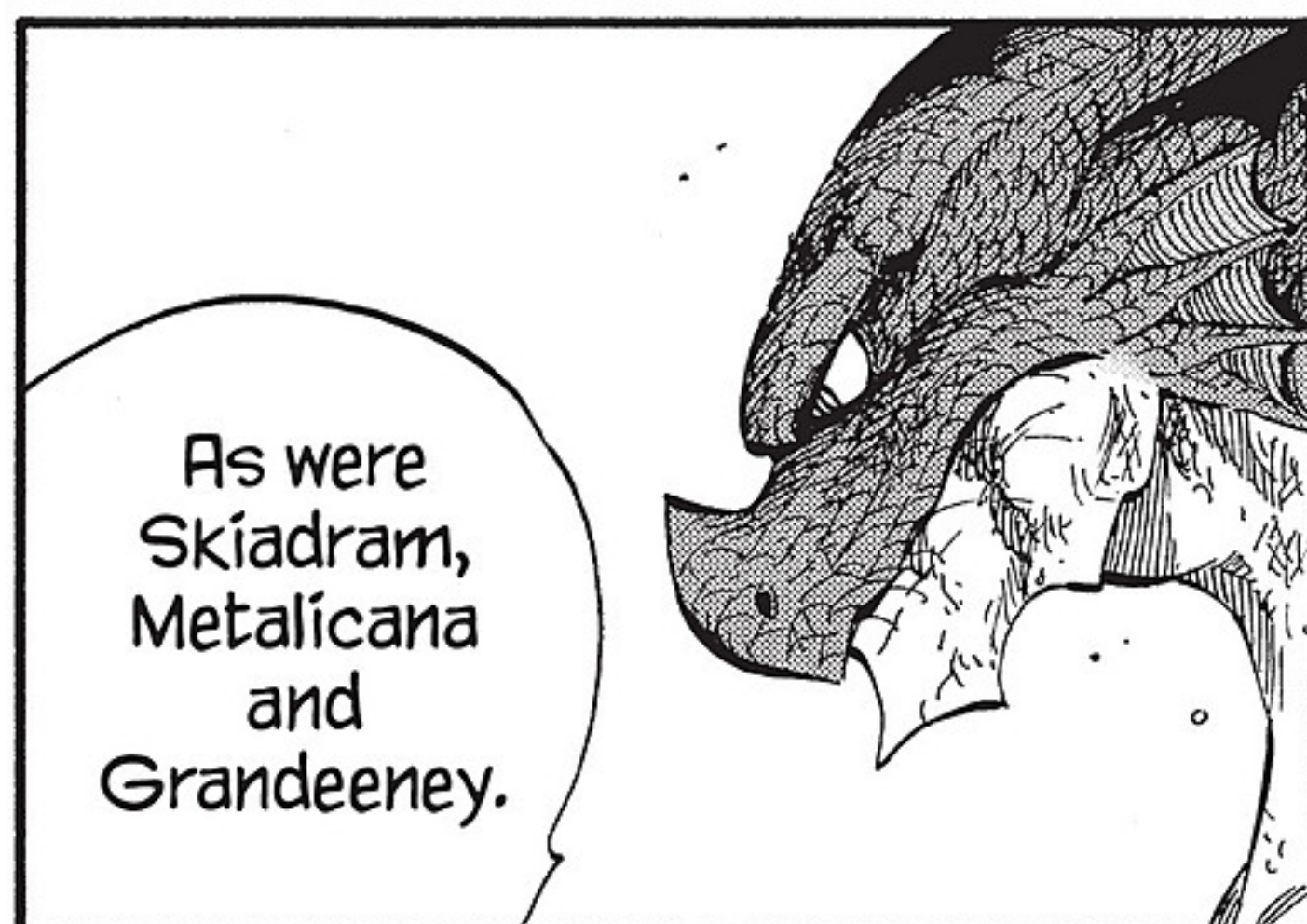
The
dragons...



We have
halted the
resurrection
of END!



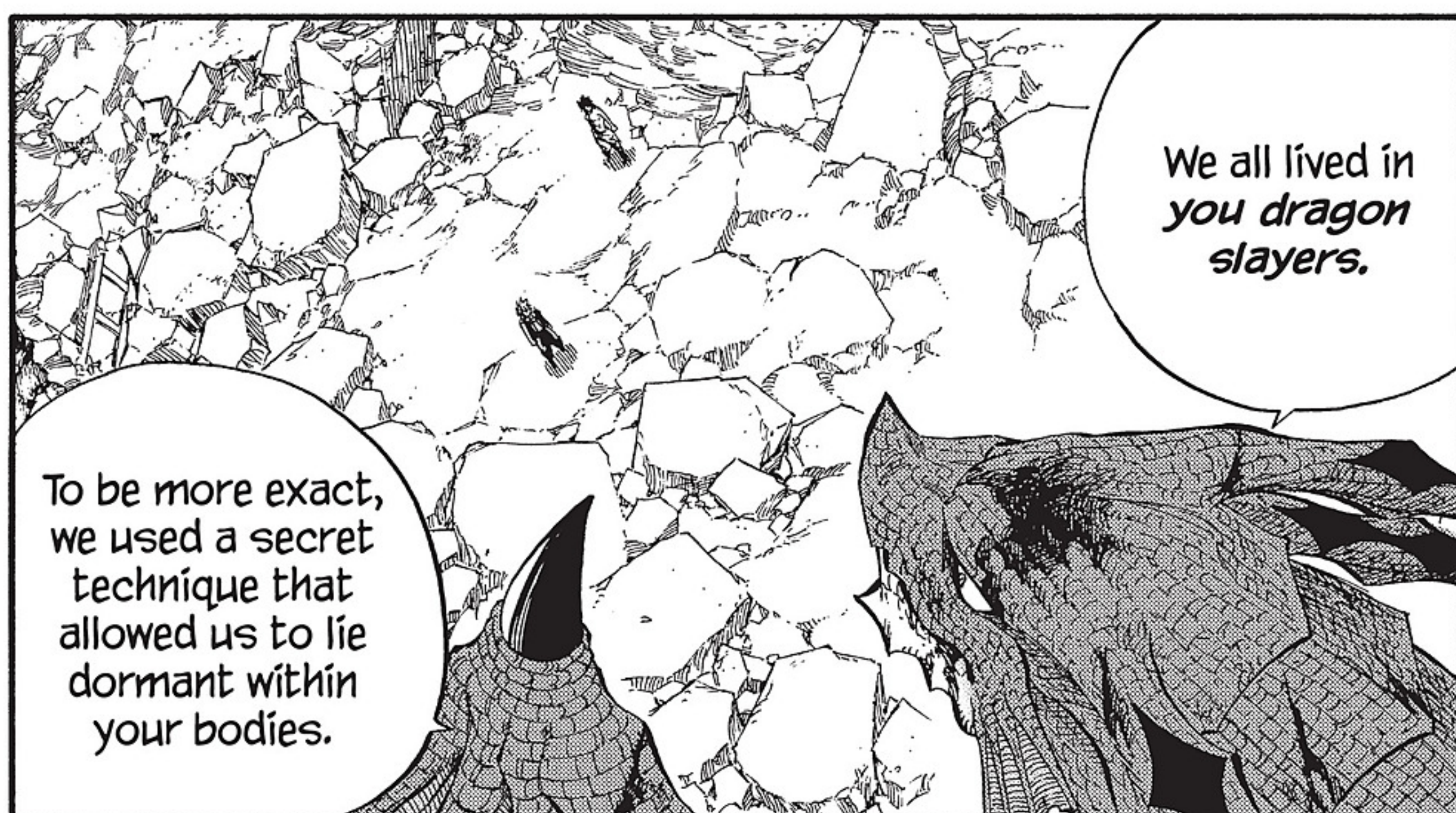




As were
Skíadram,
Metalicana
and
Grandeeneey.

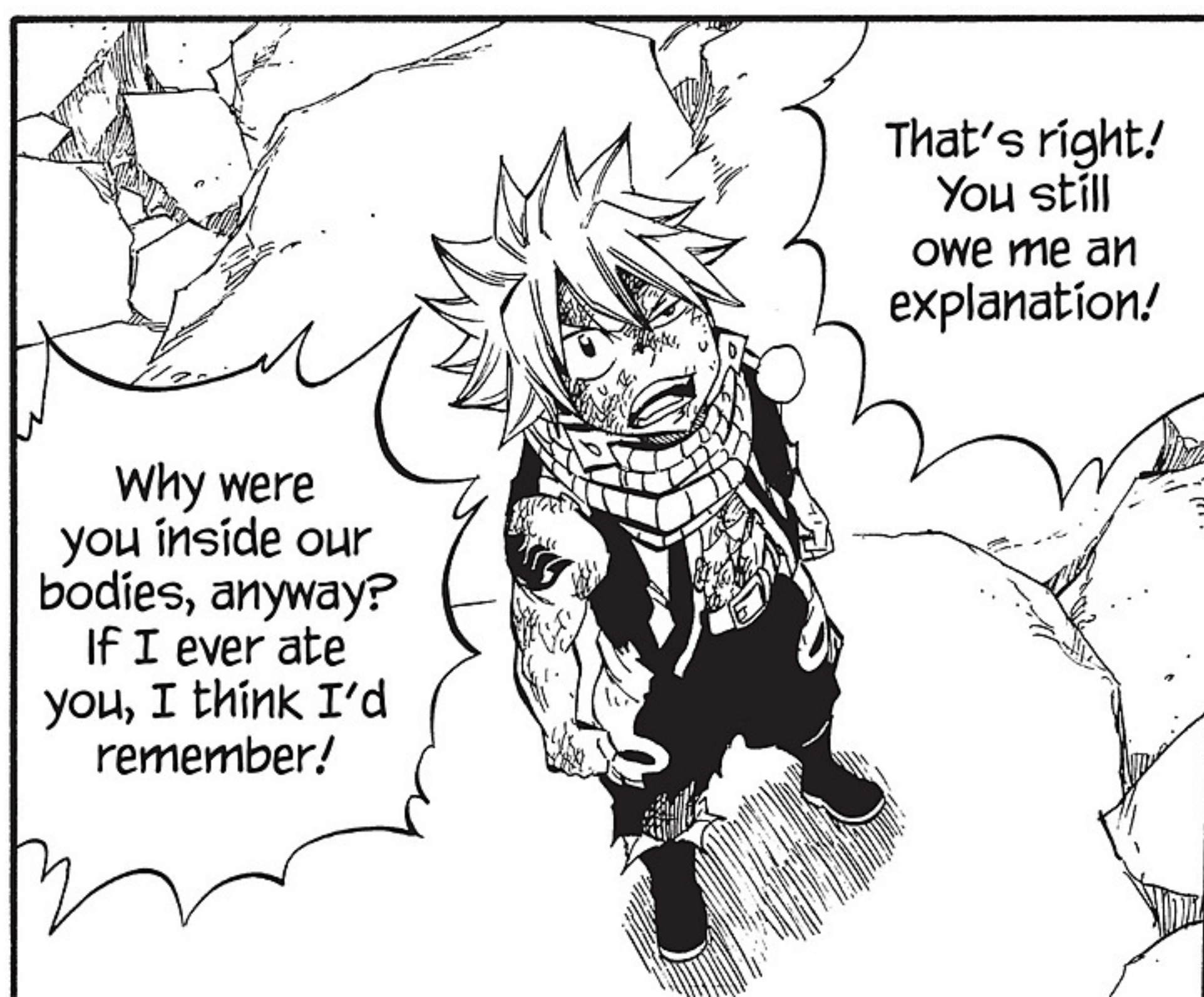


Weisslogia
was alive...?



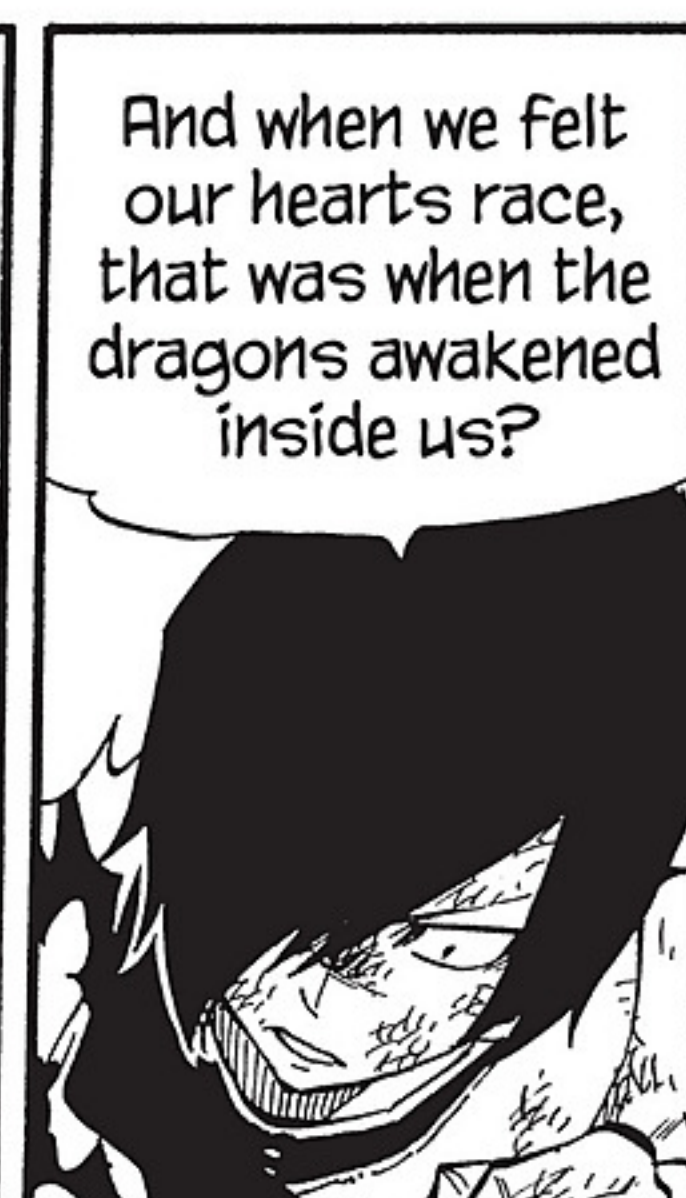
To be more exact,
we used a secret
technique that
allowed us to lie
dormant within
your bodies.

We all lived in
*you dragon
slayers.*

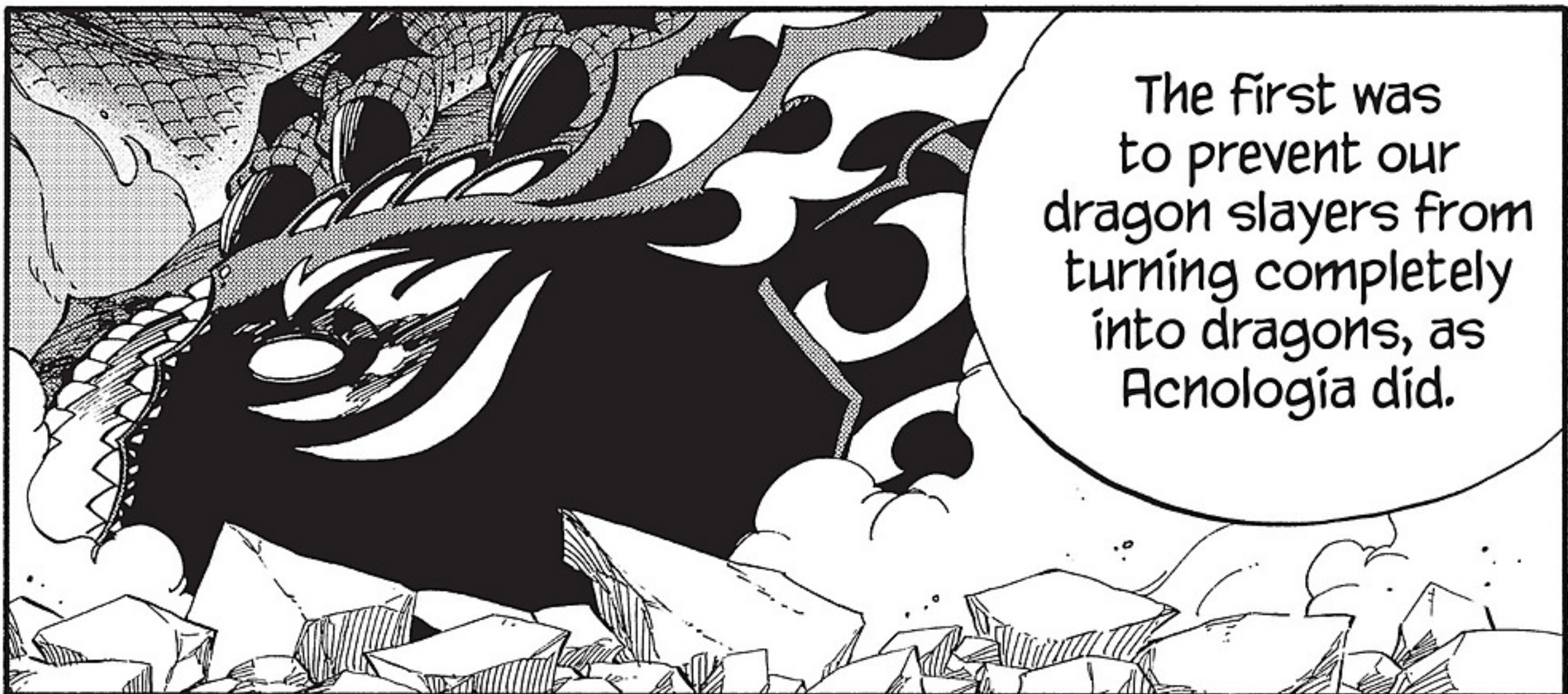


Why were
you inside our
bodies, anyway?
If I ever ate
you, I think I'd
remember!

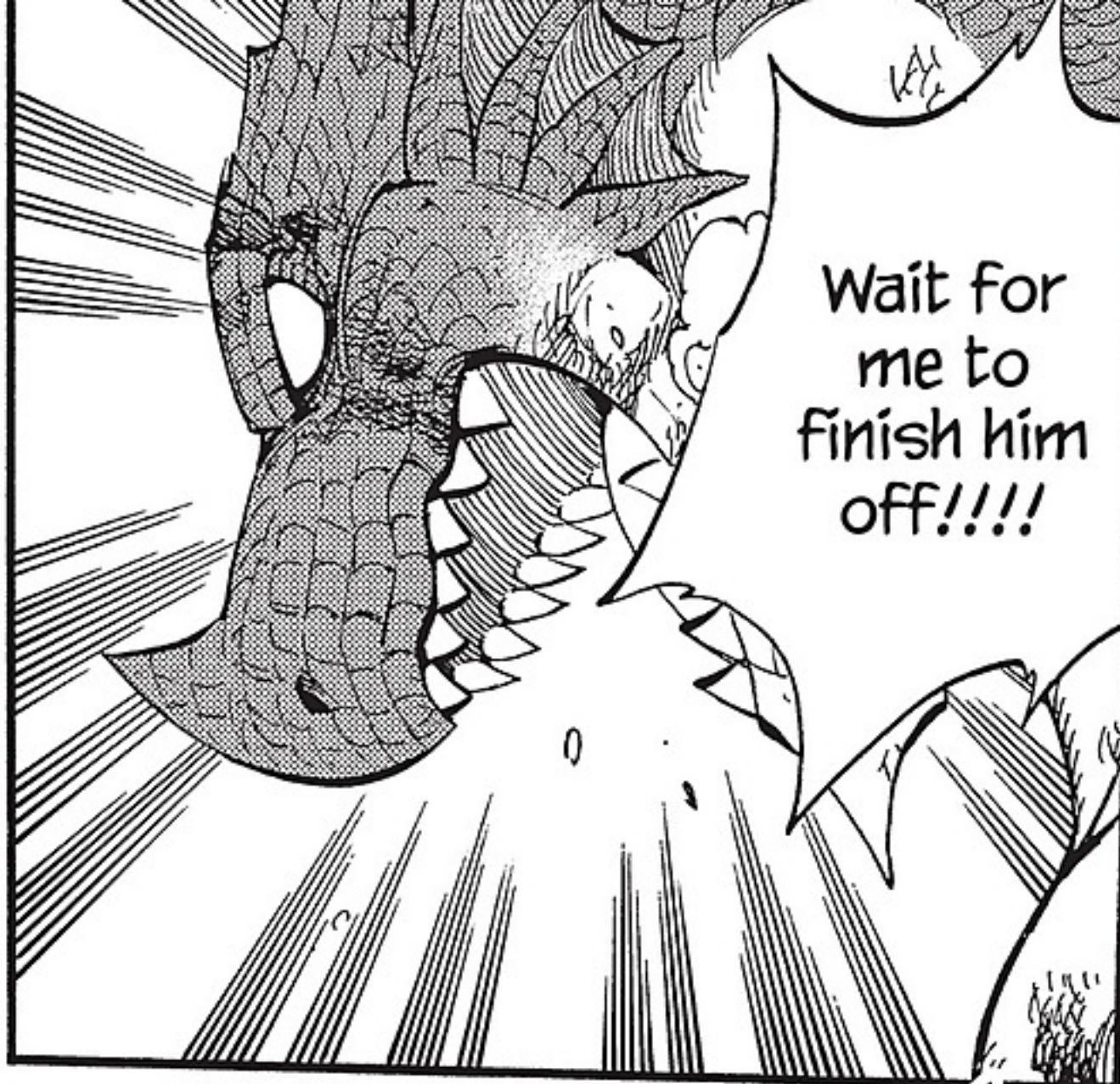
That's right!
You still
owe me an
explanation!



And when we felt
our hearts race,
that was when the
dragons awakened
inside us?





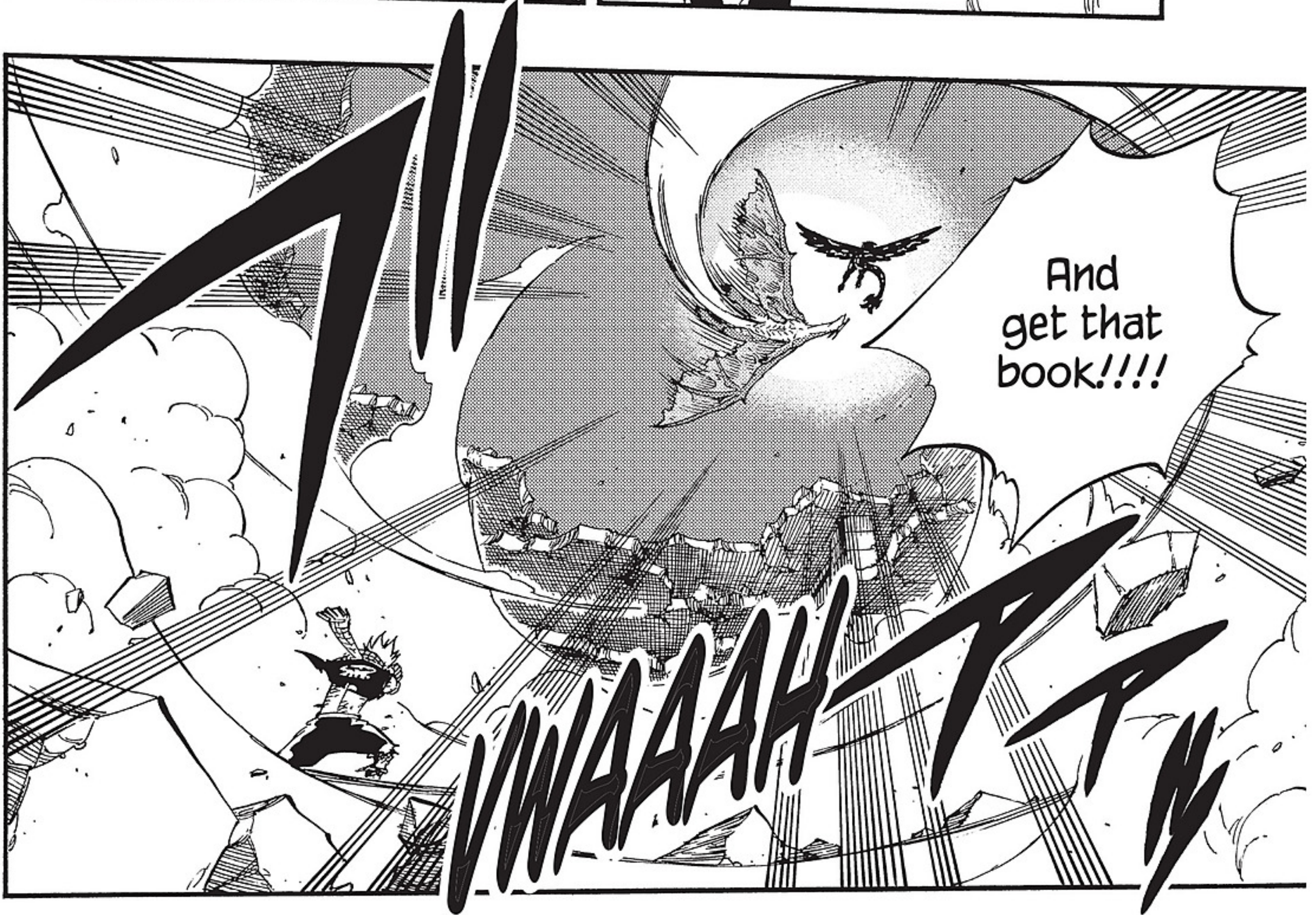


Wait for
me to
finish him
off!!!!



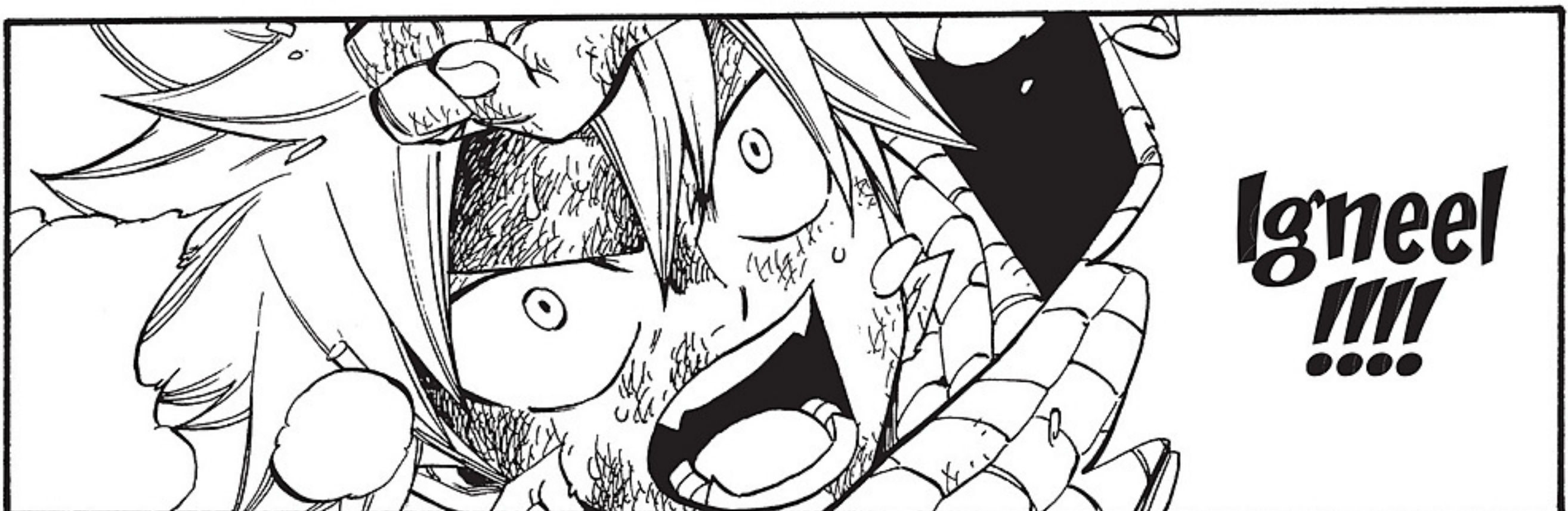
VWOOSH

Igneel
!!!!

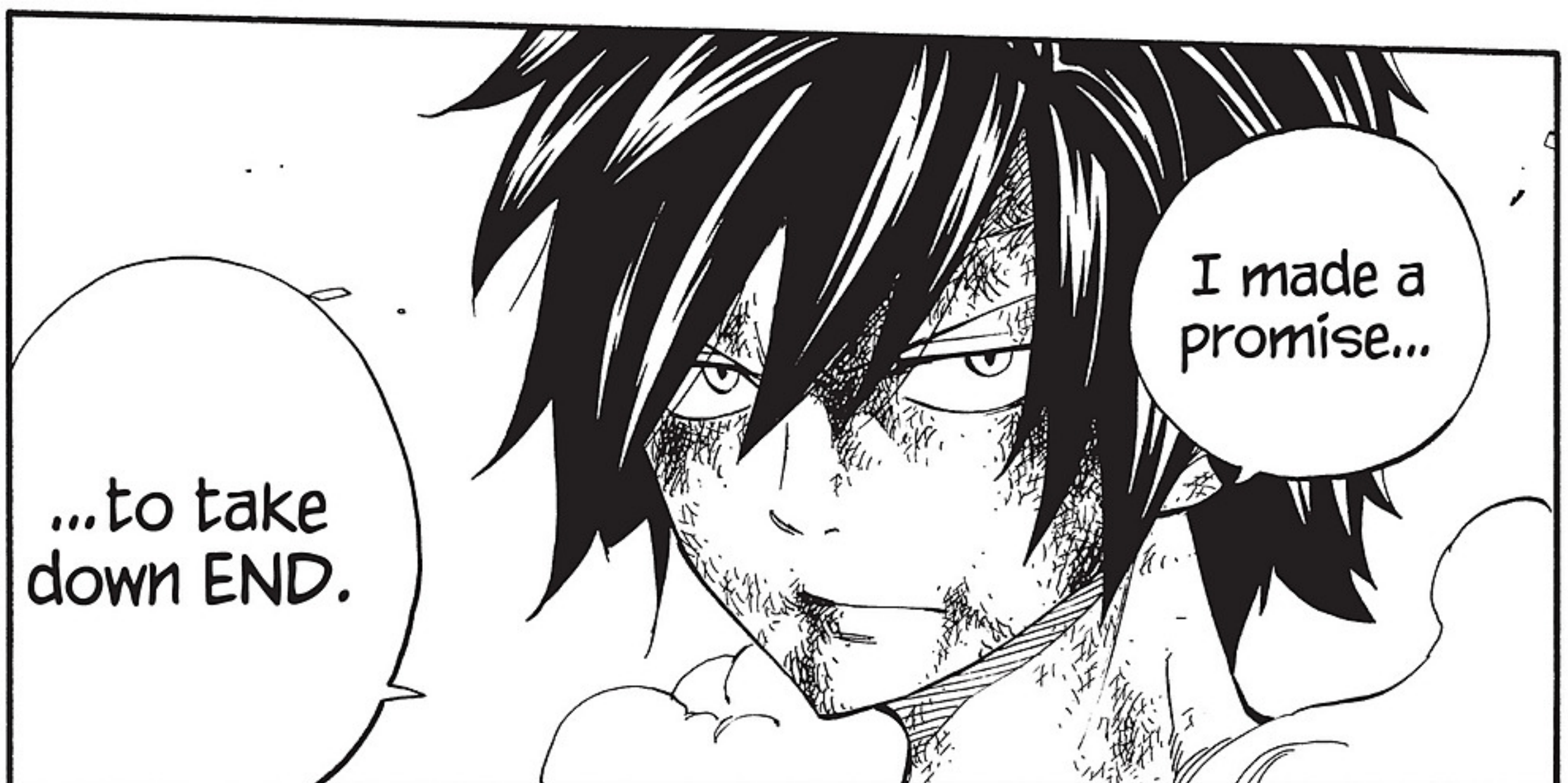
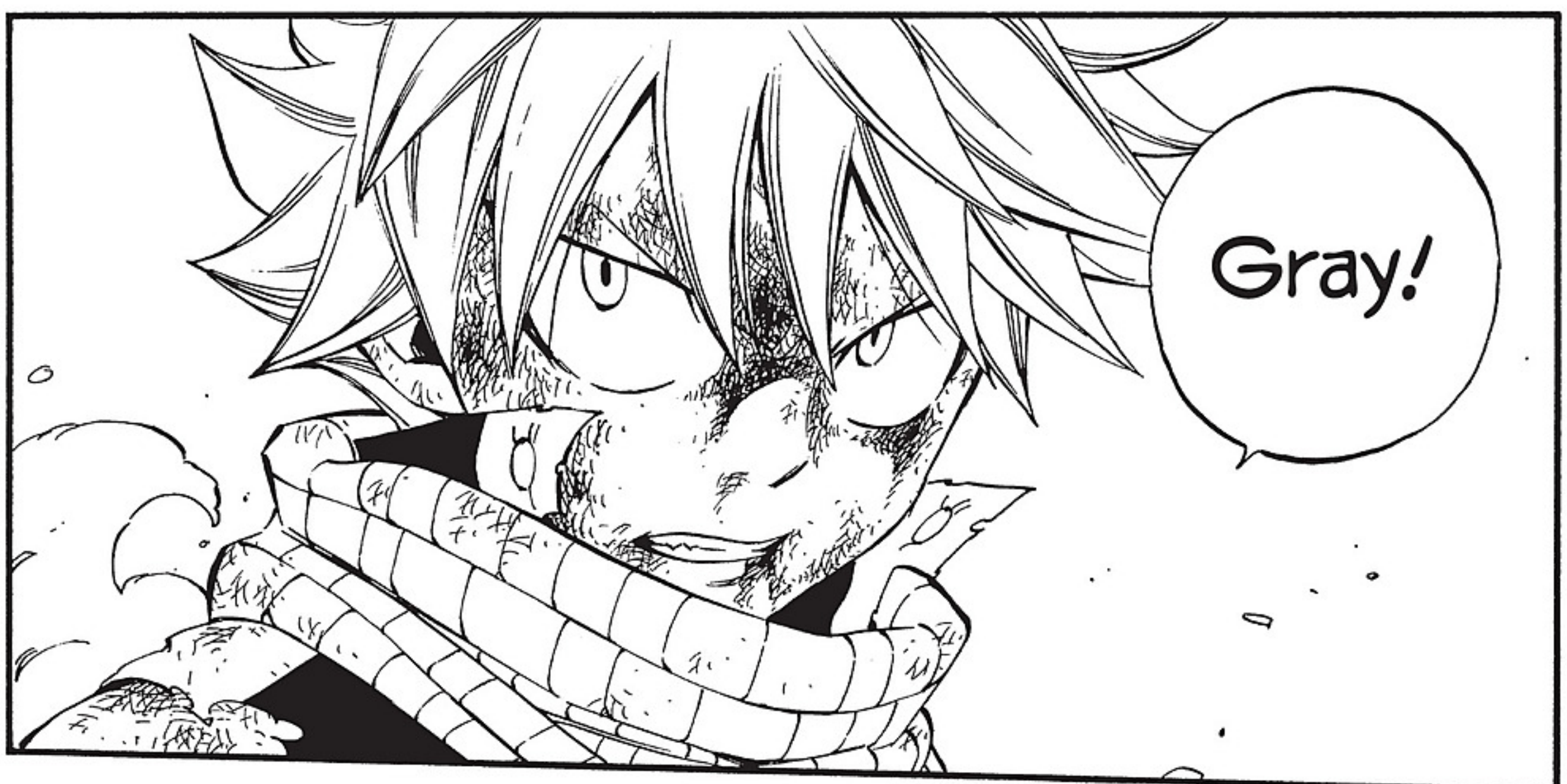


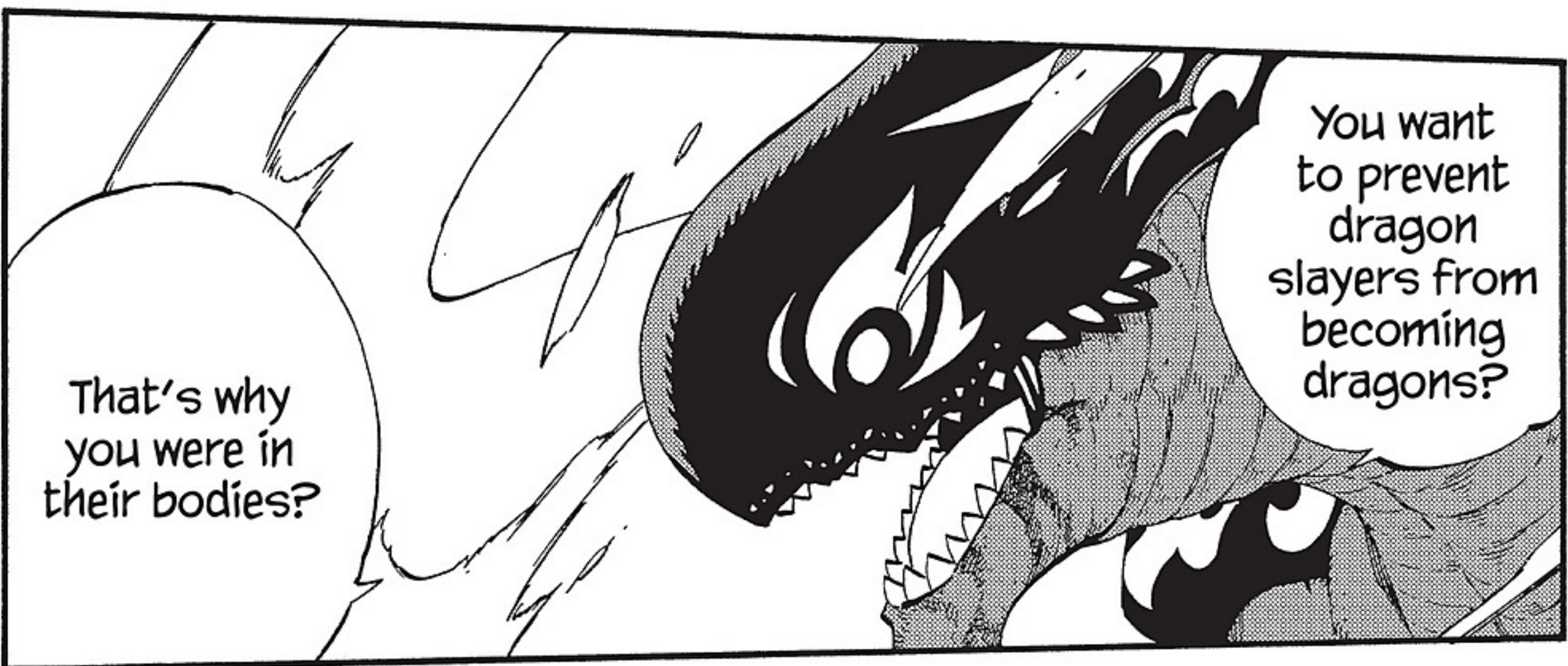
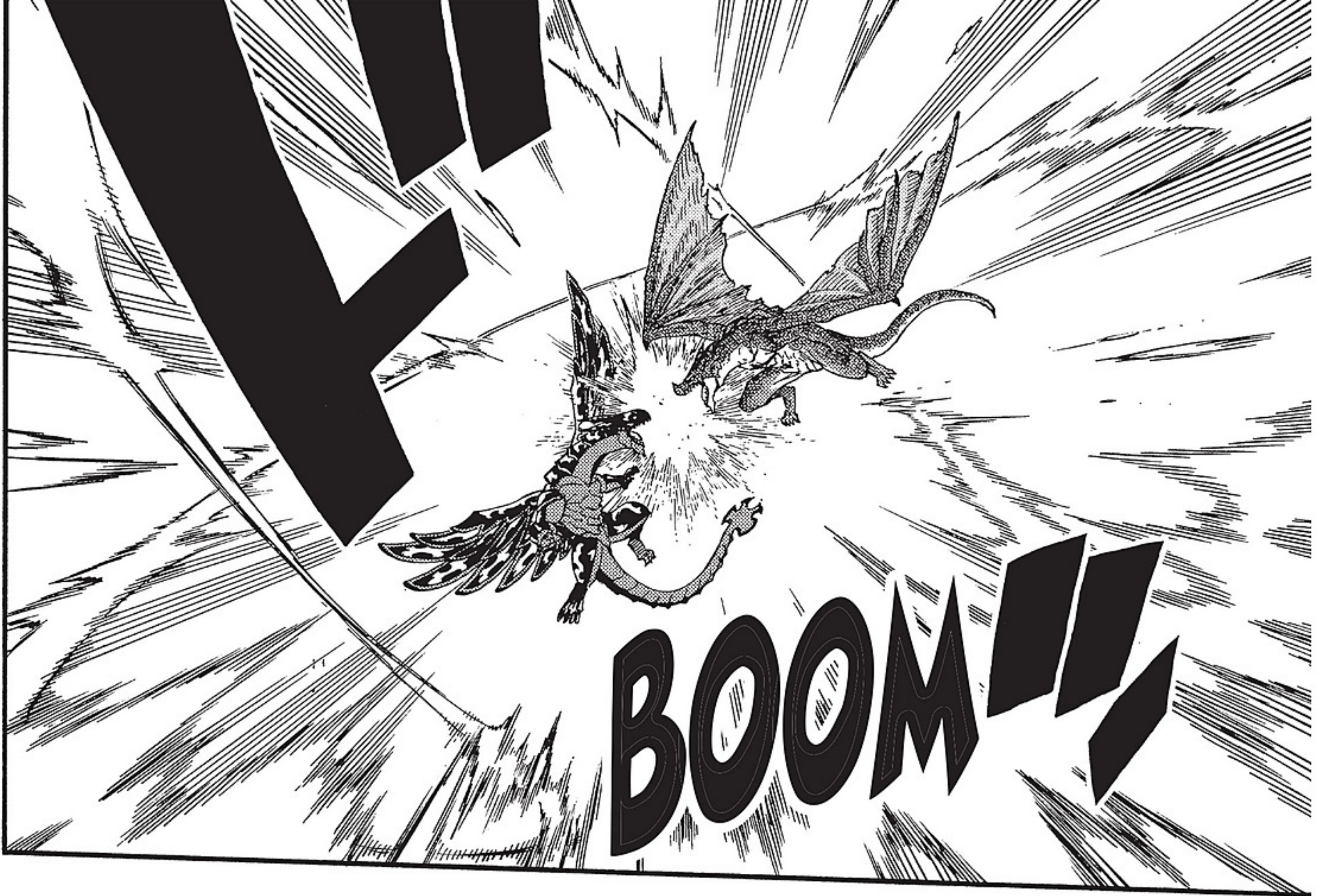
And
get that
book!!!!

VWAAAH



Igneel
!!!!







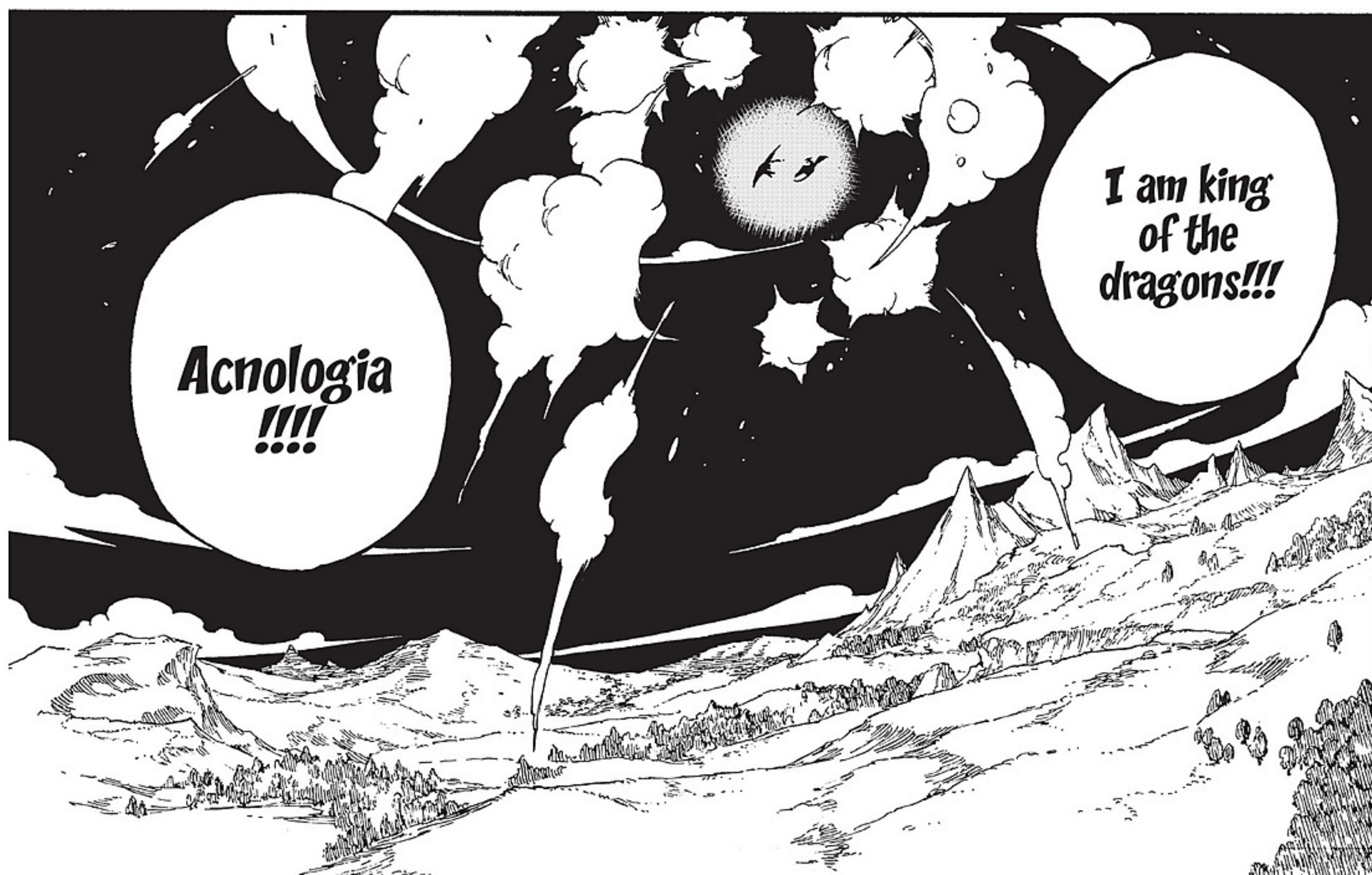
Forget the humans!!!!



What rubbish!

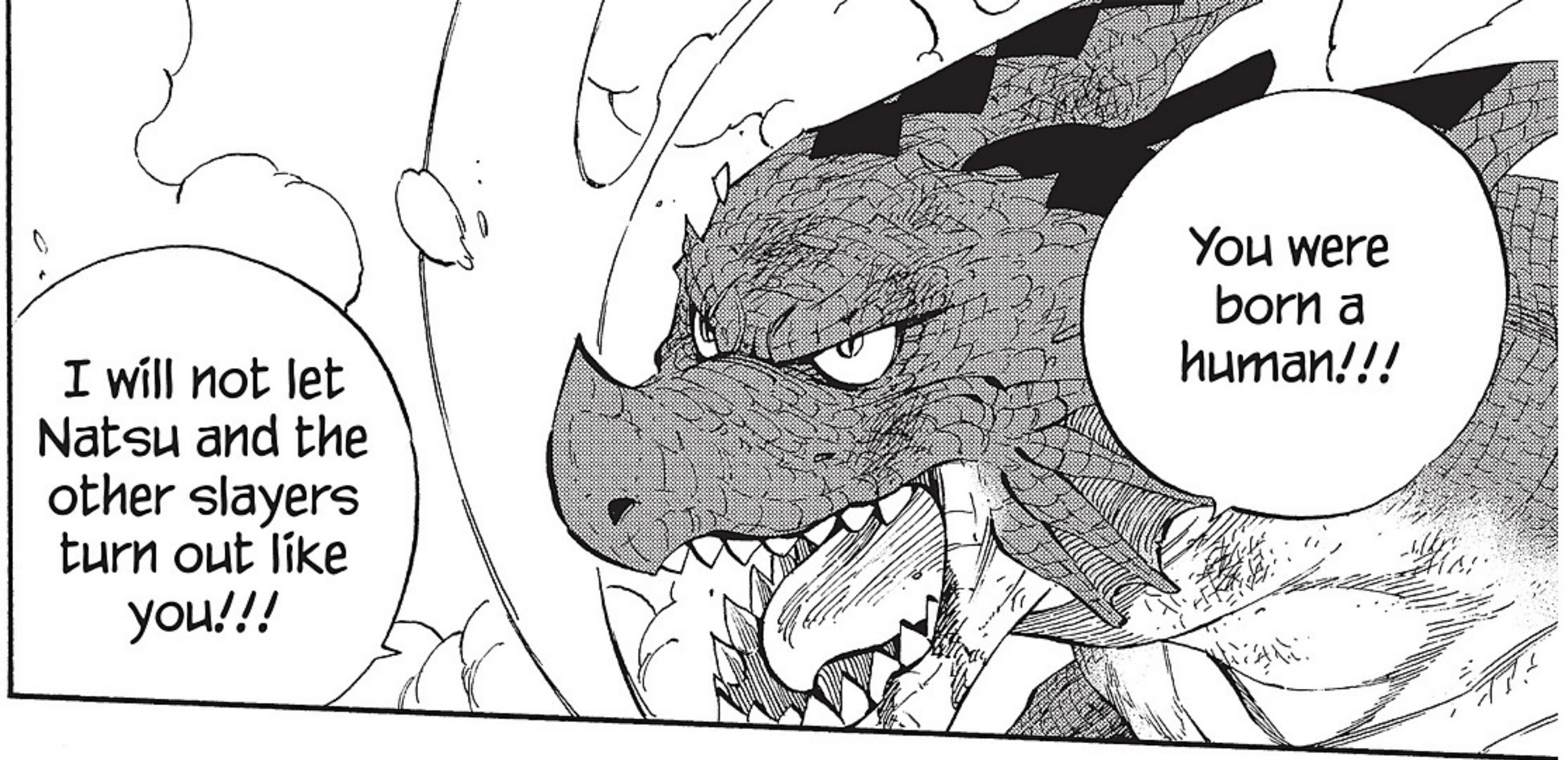


Feared? You think I would fear a mere demon?



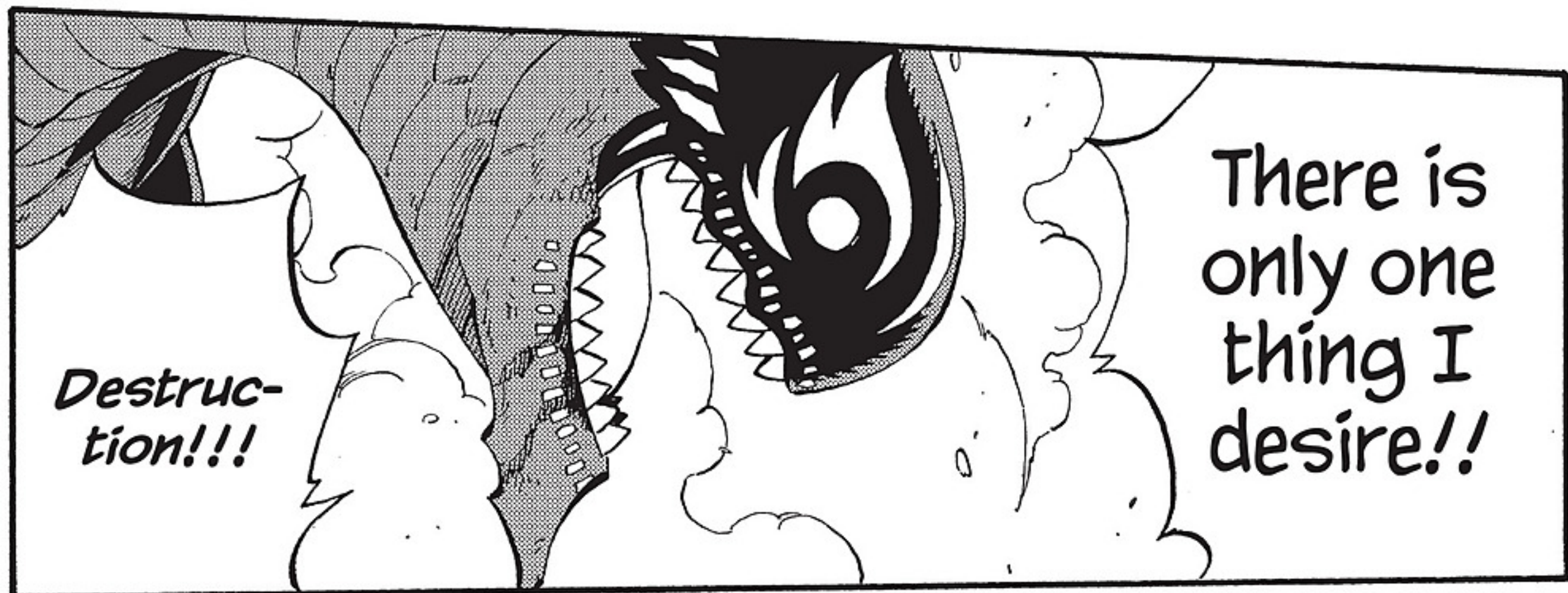
Acnologia
!!!!

**I am king
of the
dragons!!!**



I will not let
Natsu and the
other slayers
turn out like
you!!!

You were
born a
human!!!



*Destruc-
tion!!!*

There is
only one
thing I
desire!!

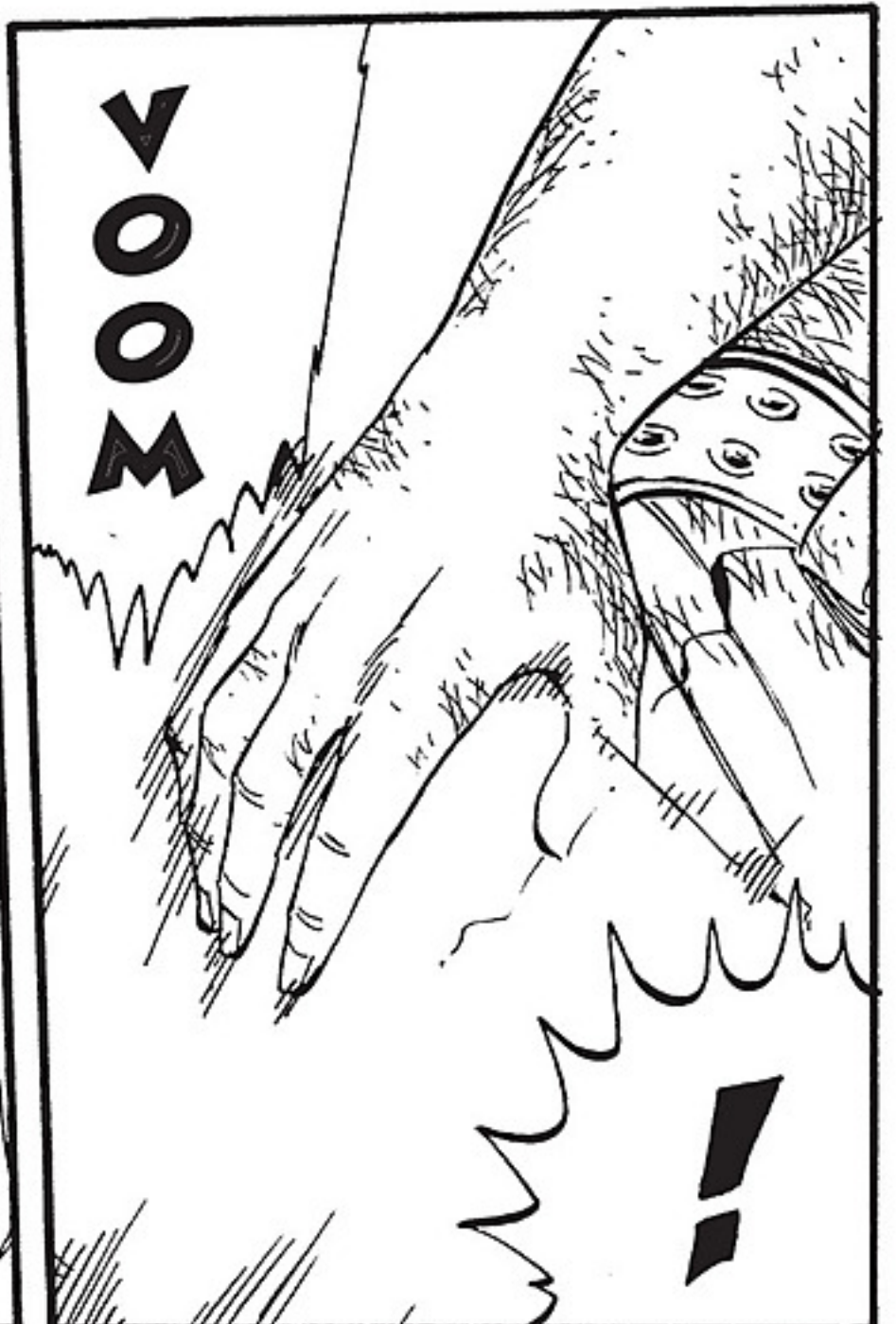
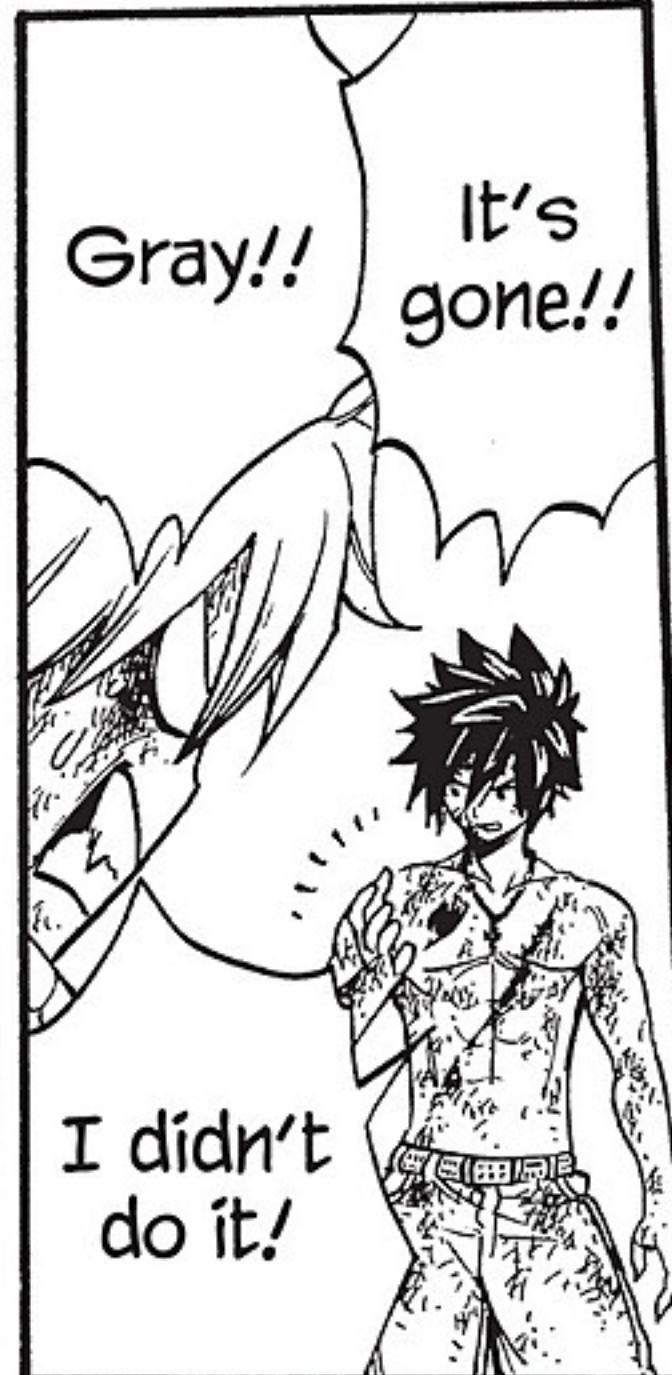
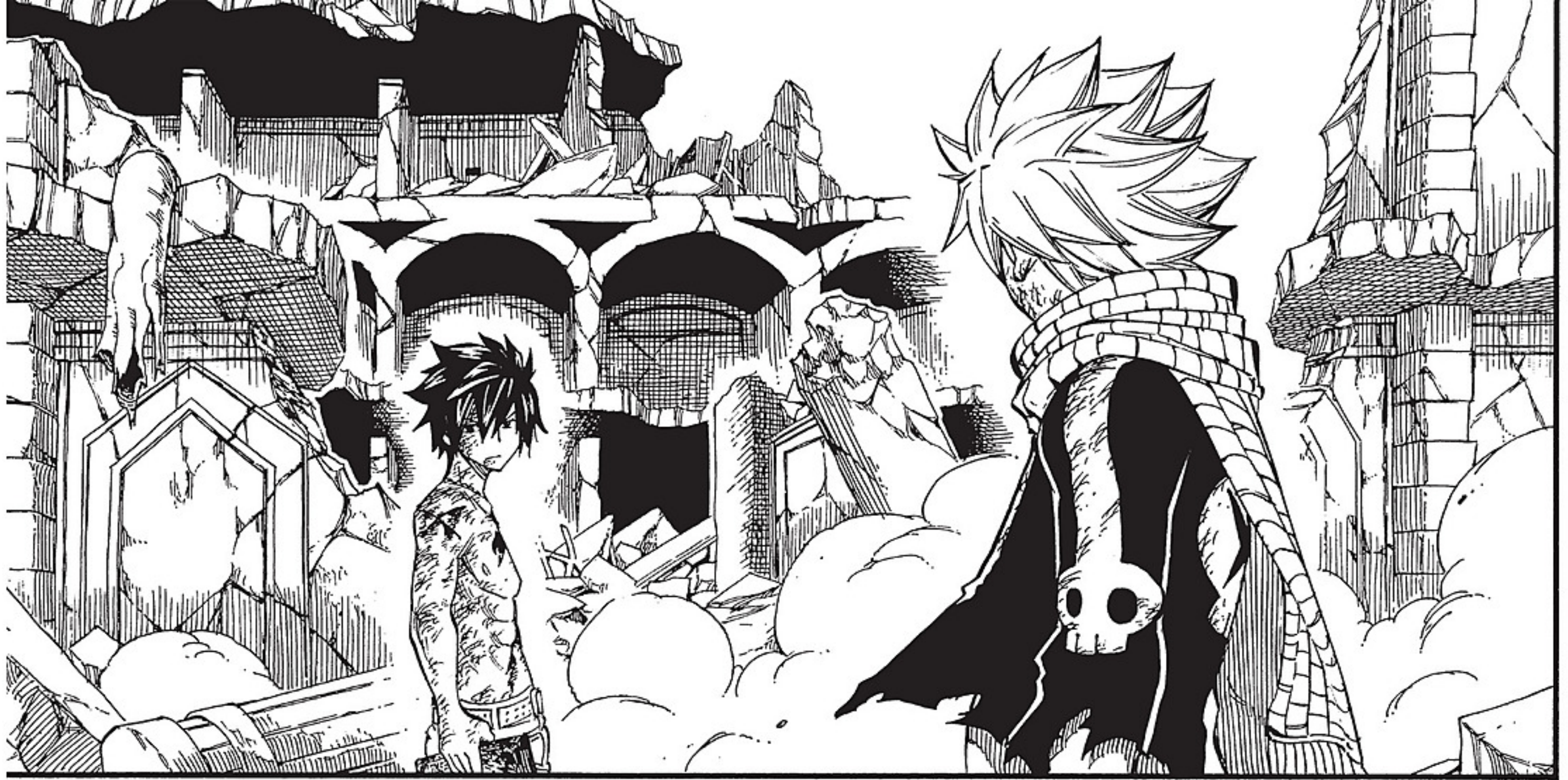


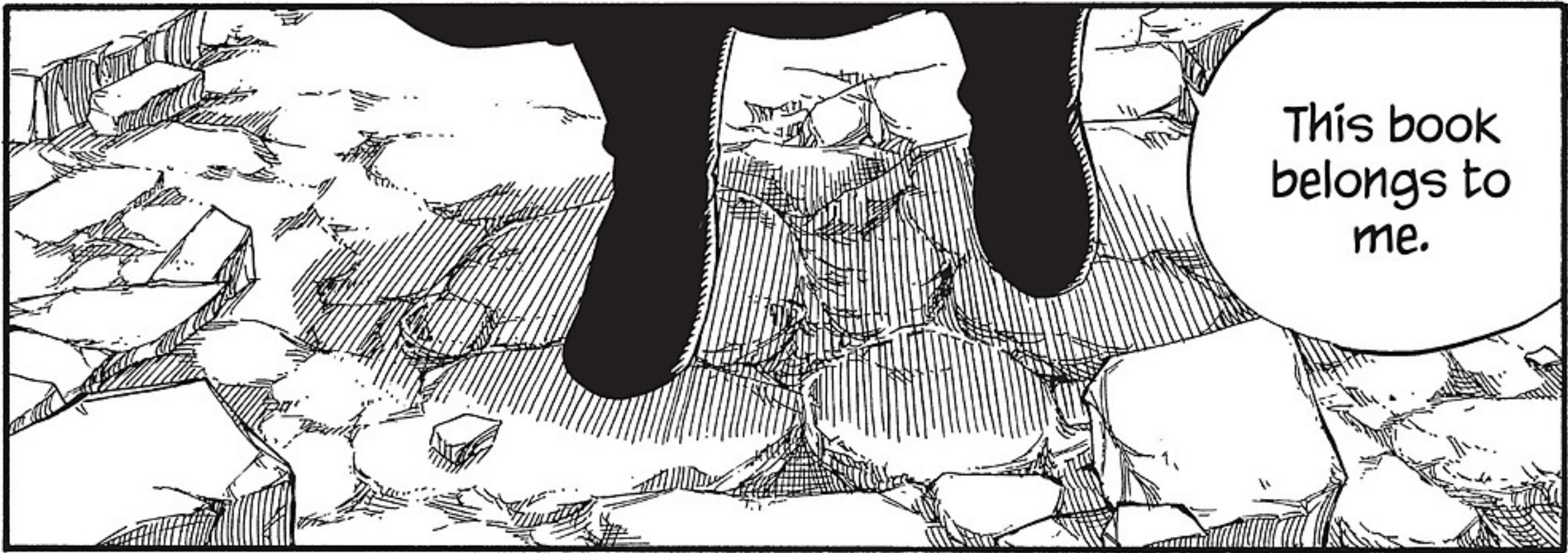
**Destruction
!!!!**

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM





It means
a lot to
me.



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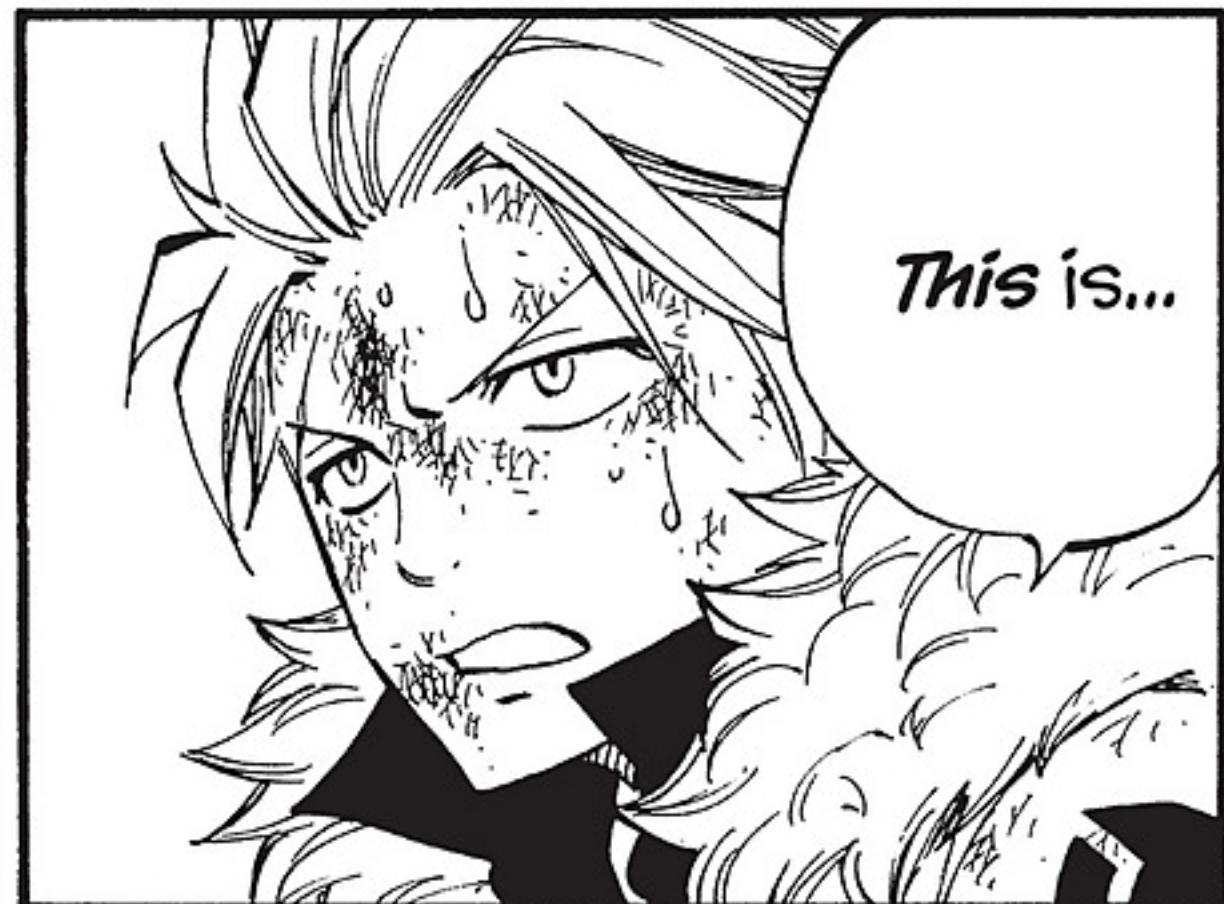
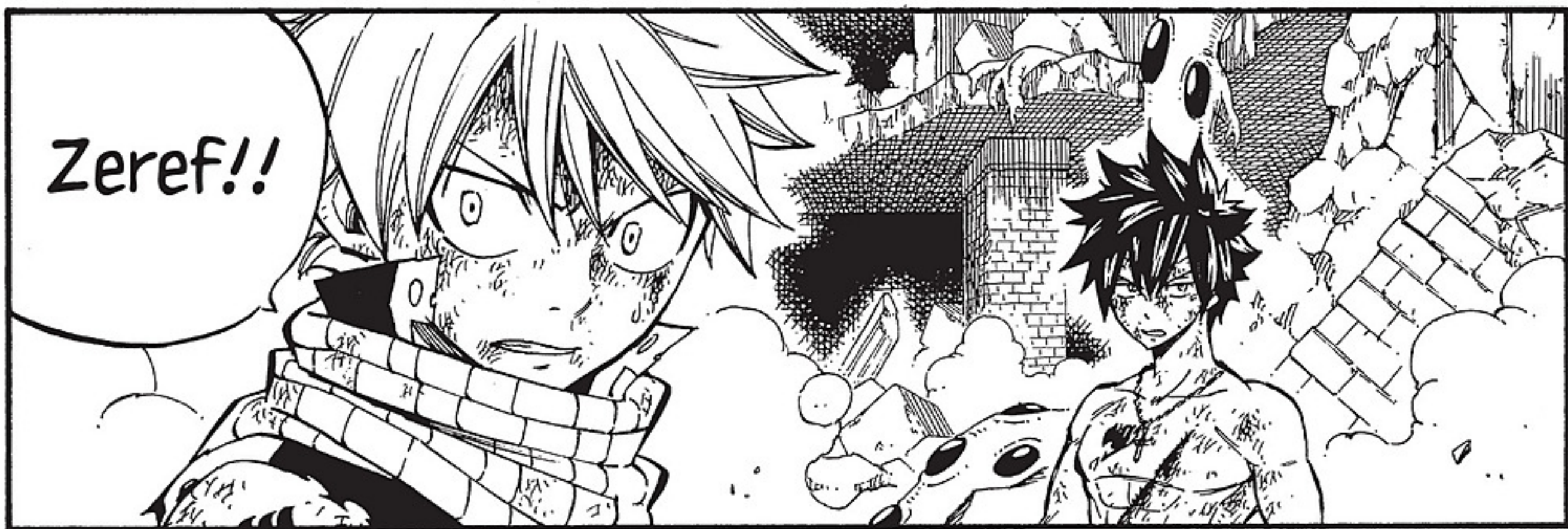
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Chapter 414: Drops of Fire





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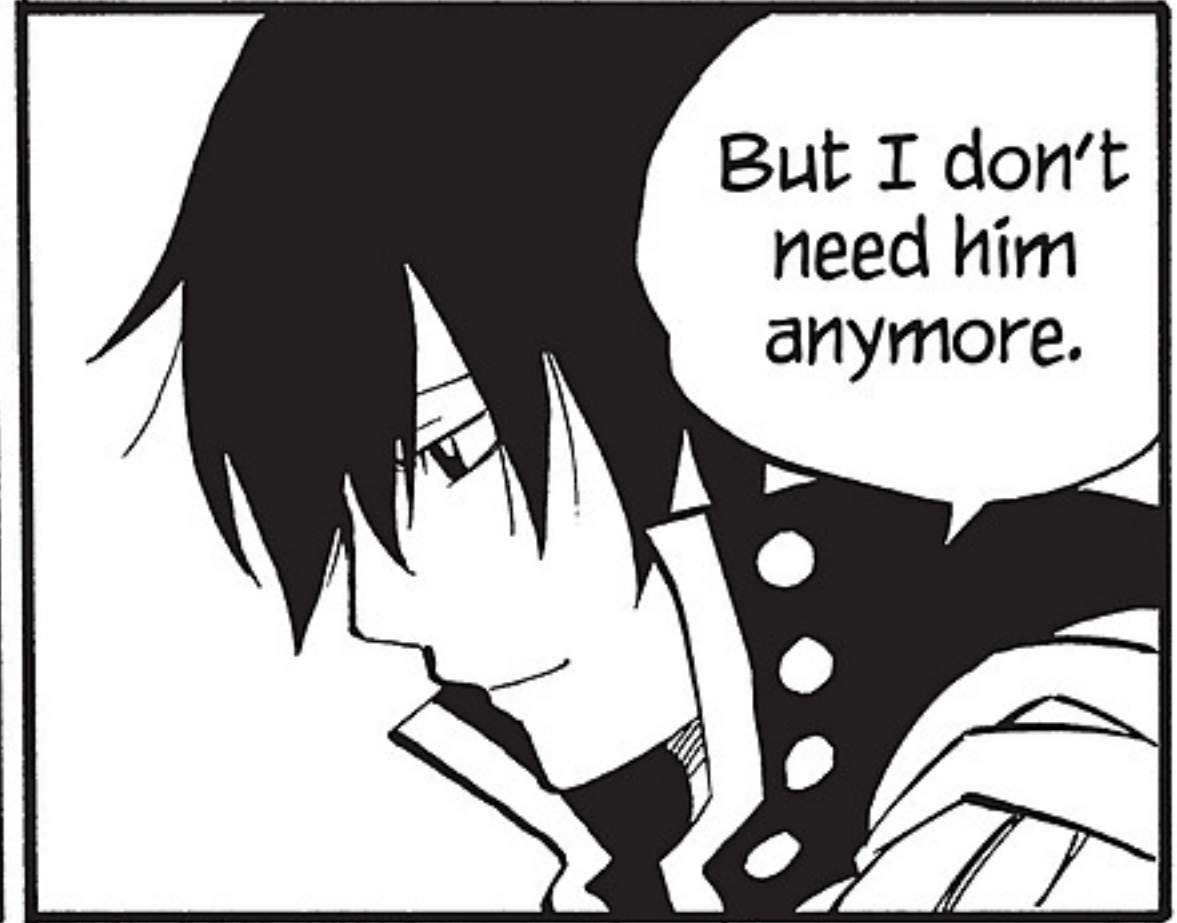
What're you... Didn't you create that demon yourself?!





Huh?

I came here today to settle things with you.



But I don't need him anymore.



Or will a *miracle* take place? Even I can't say.

Will he end history again...?



But Acnologia had to interfere.

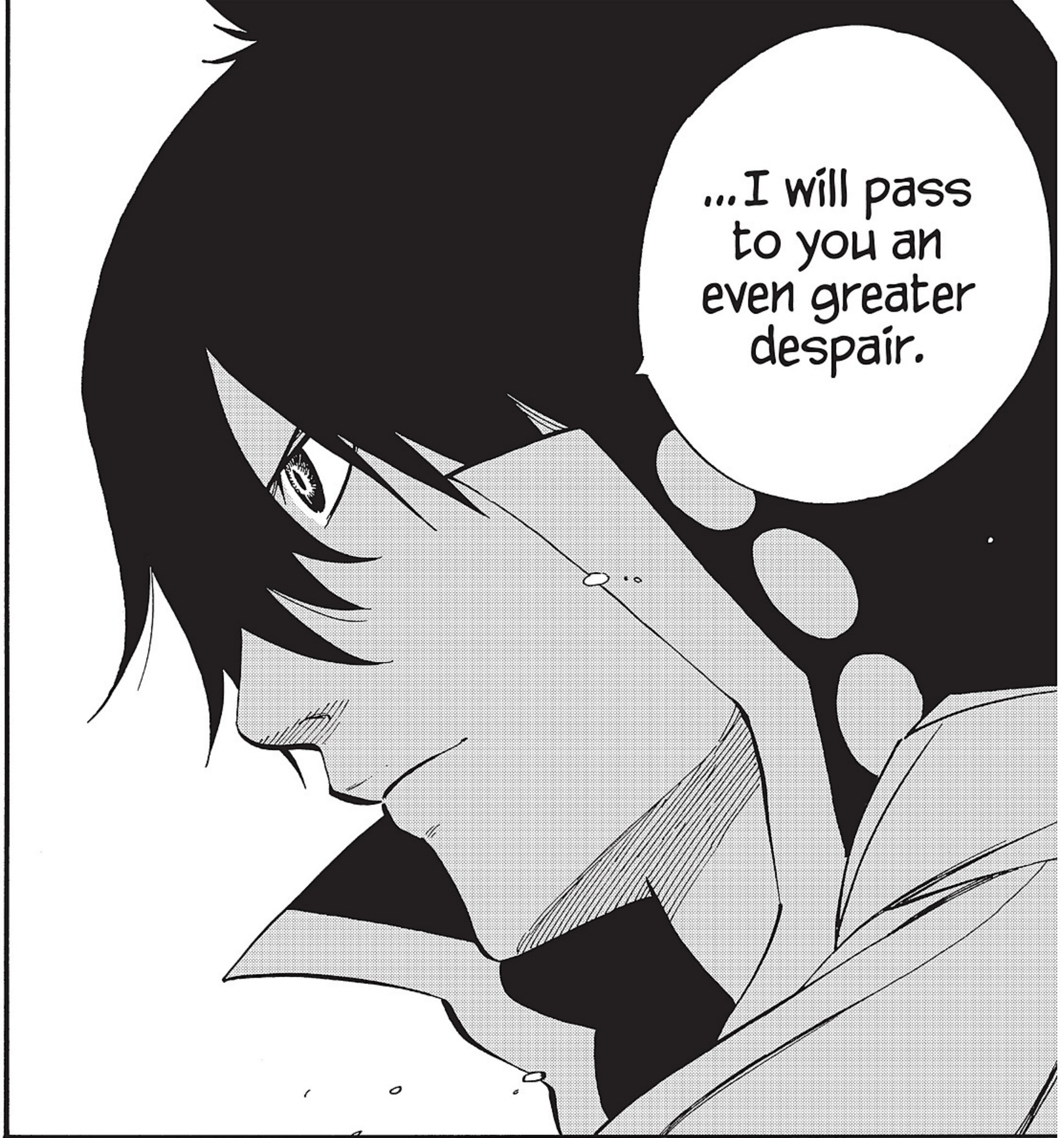


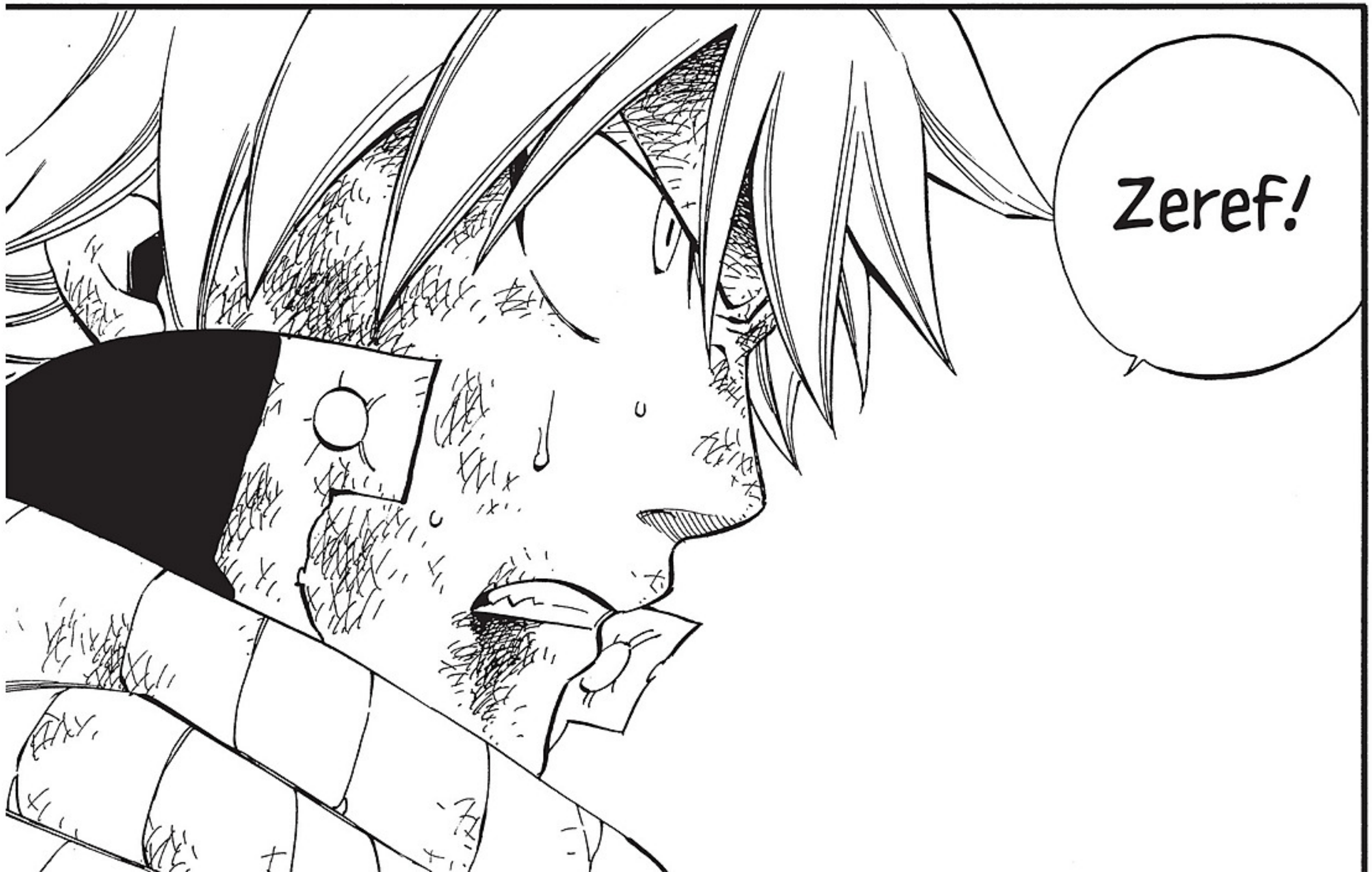
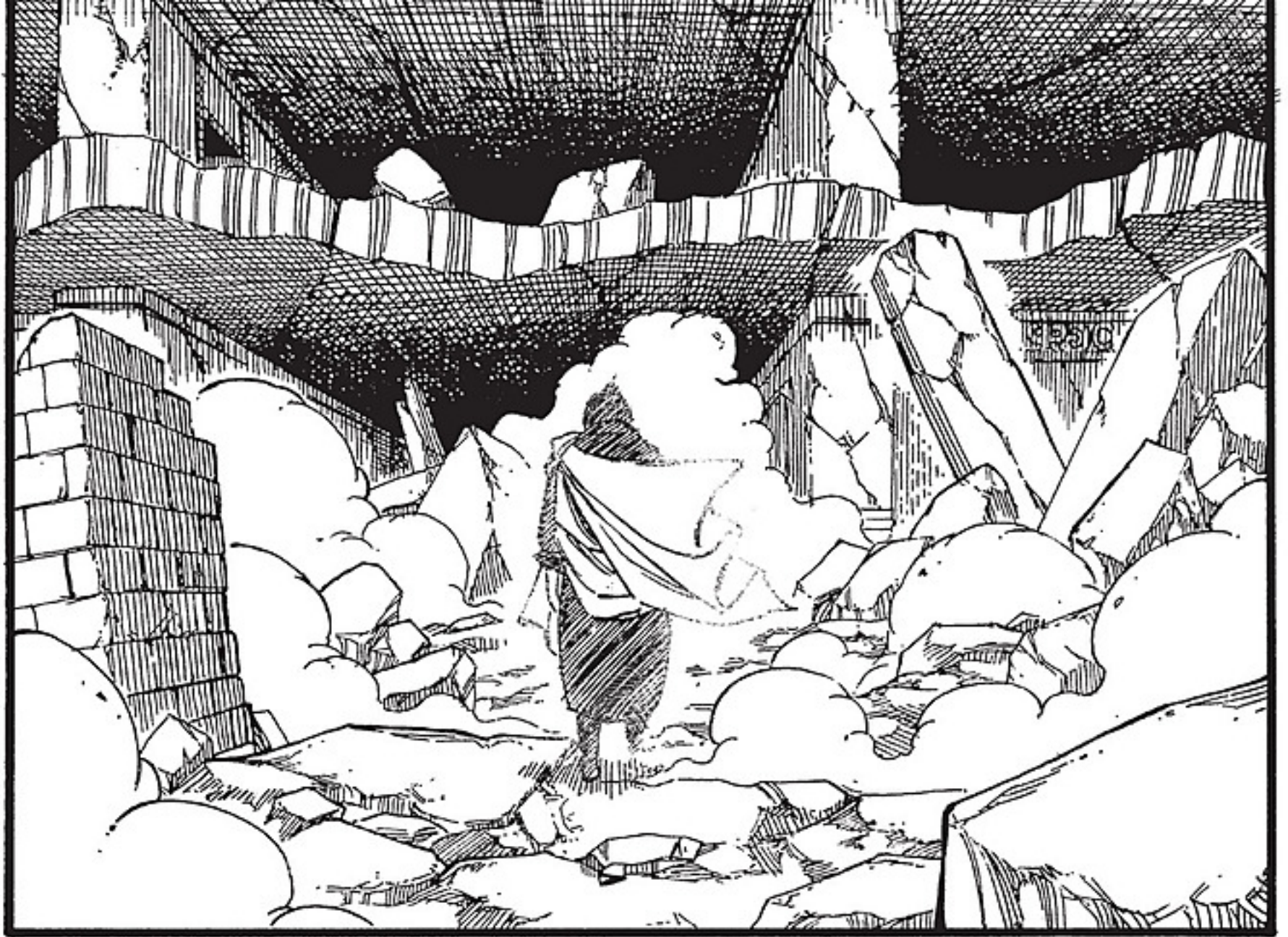
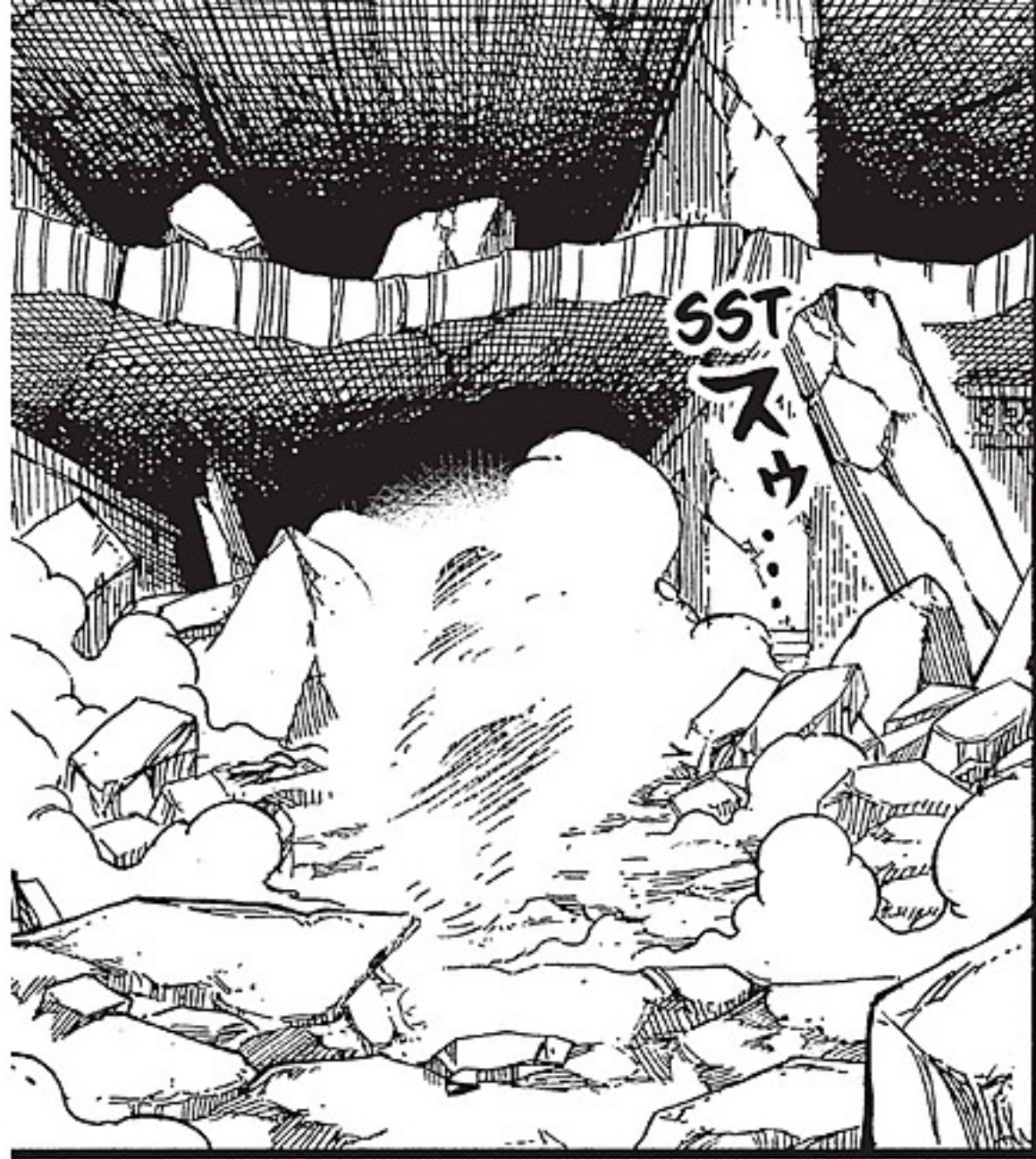
Well, if you can manage to survive...

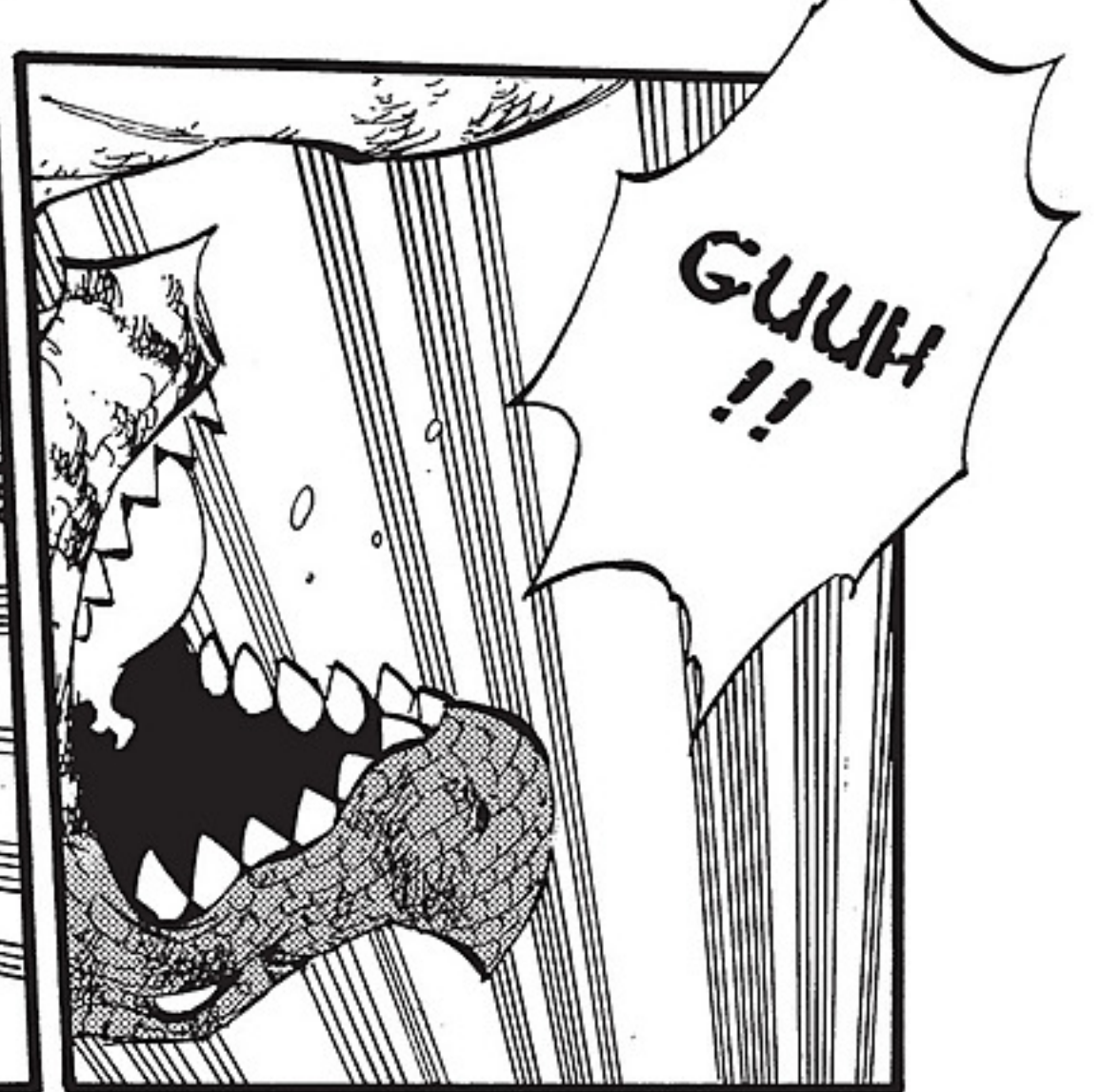
...this hopeless situation ...



What are you talking about?





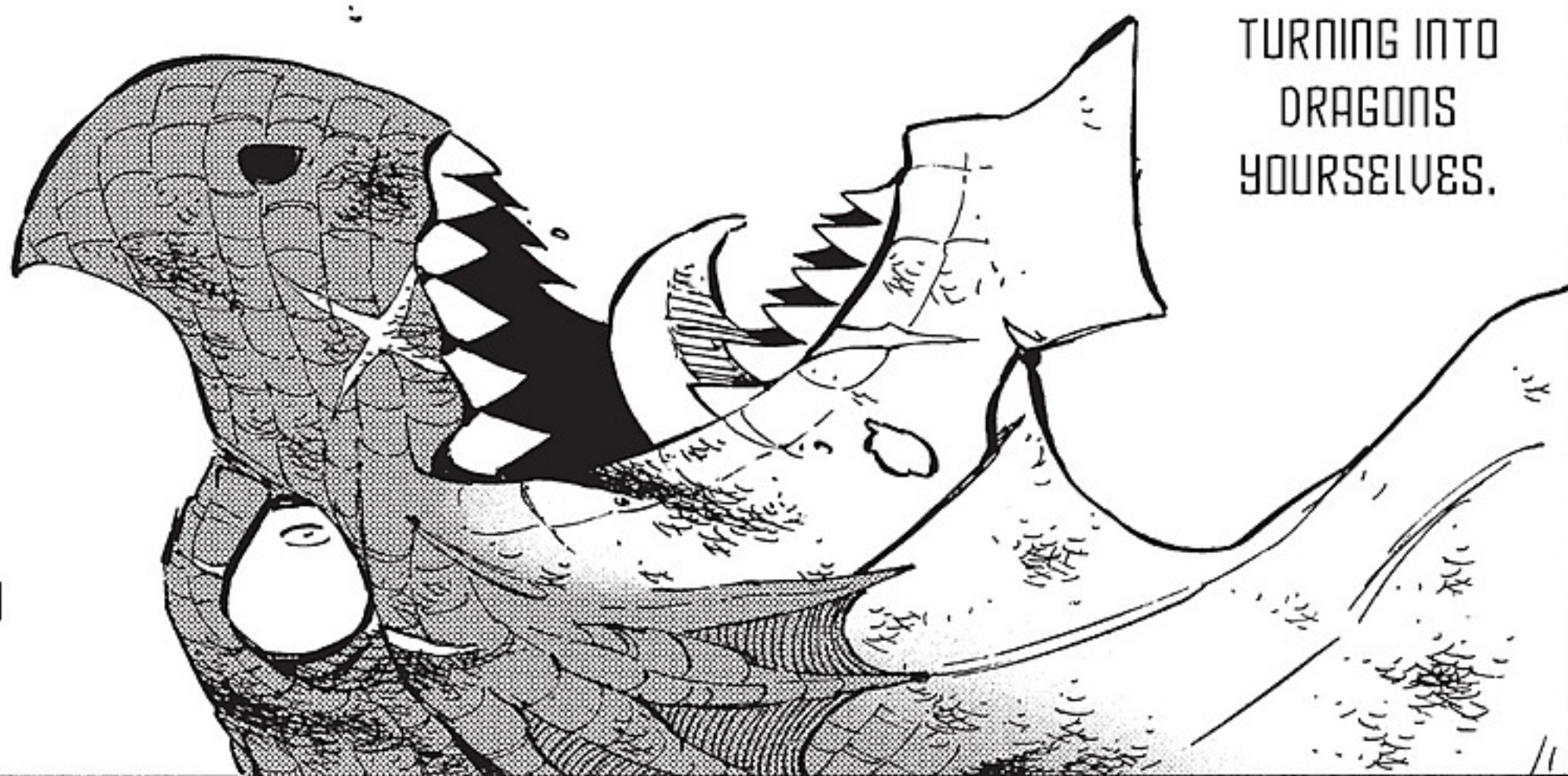


...INSIDE
OUR DRAGON
SLAYERS'
BODIES.

THERE ARE
TWO REASONS
WHY WE
DRAGONS
WERE...

WE HAVE CREATED
DEFENSES WITHIN
YOU THAT SHOULD
PREVENT THAT FROM
EVER HAPPENING.

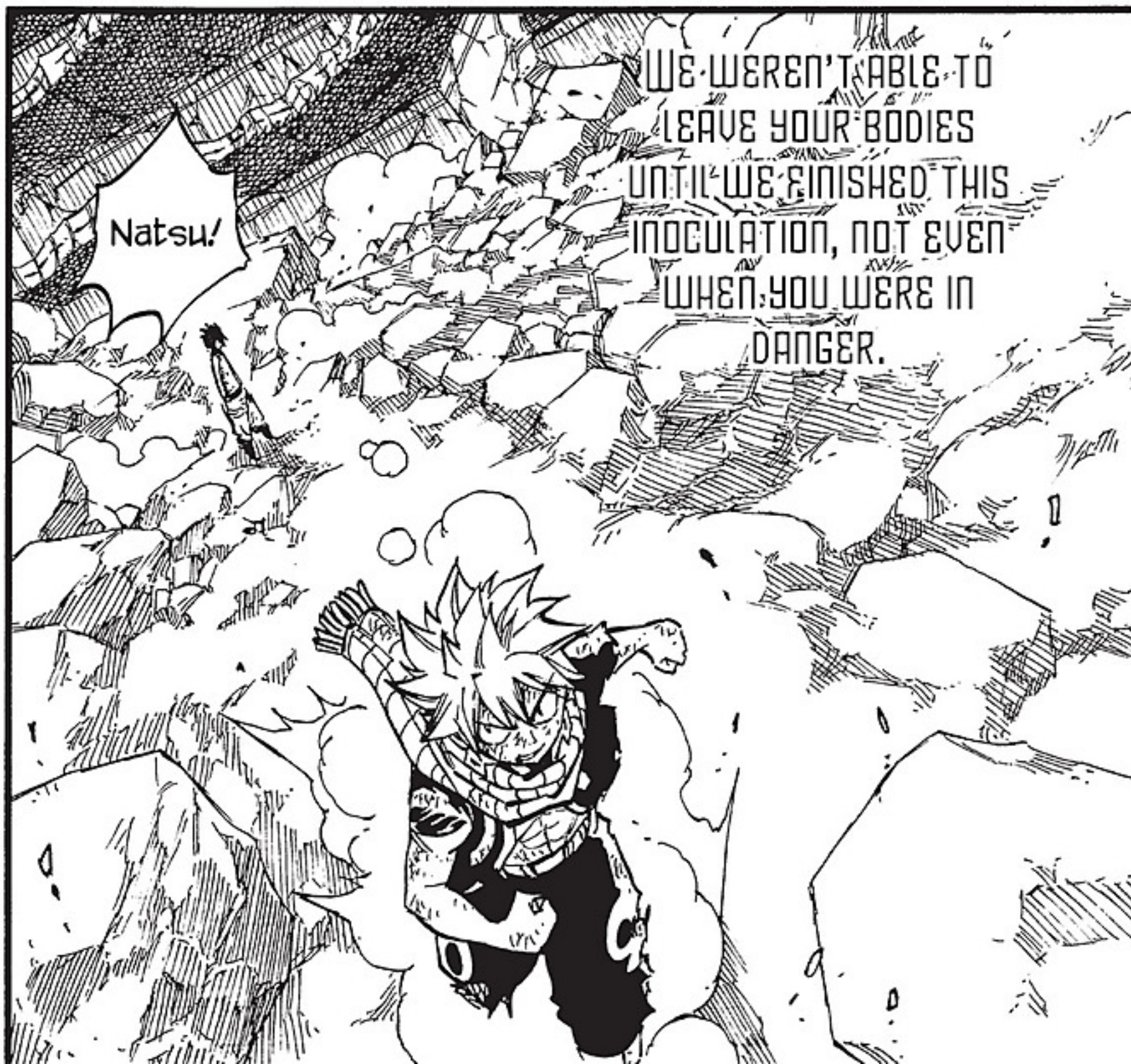
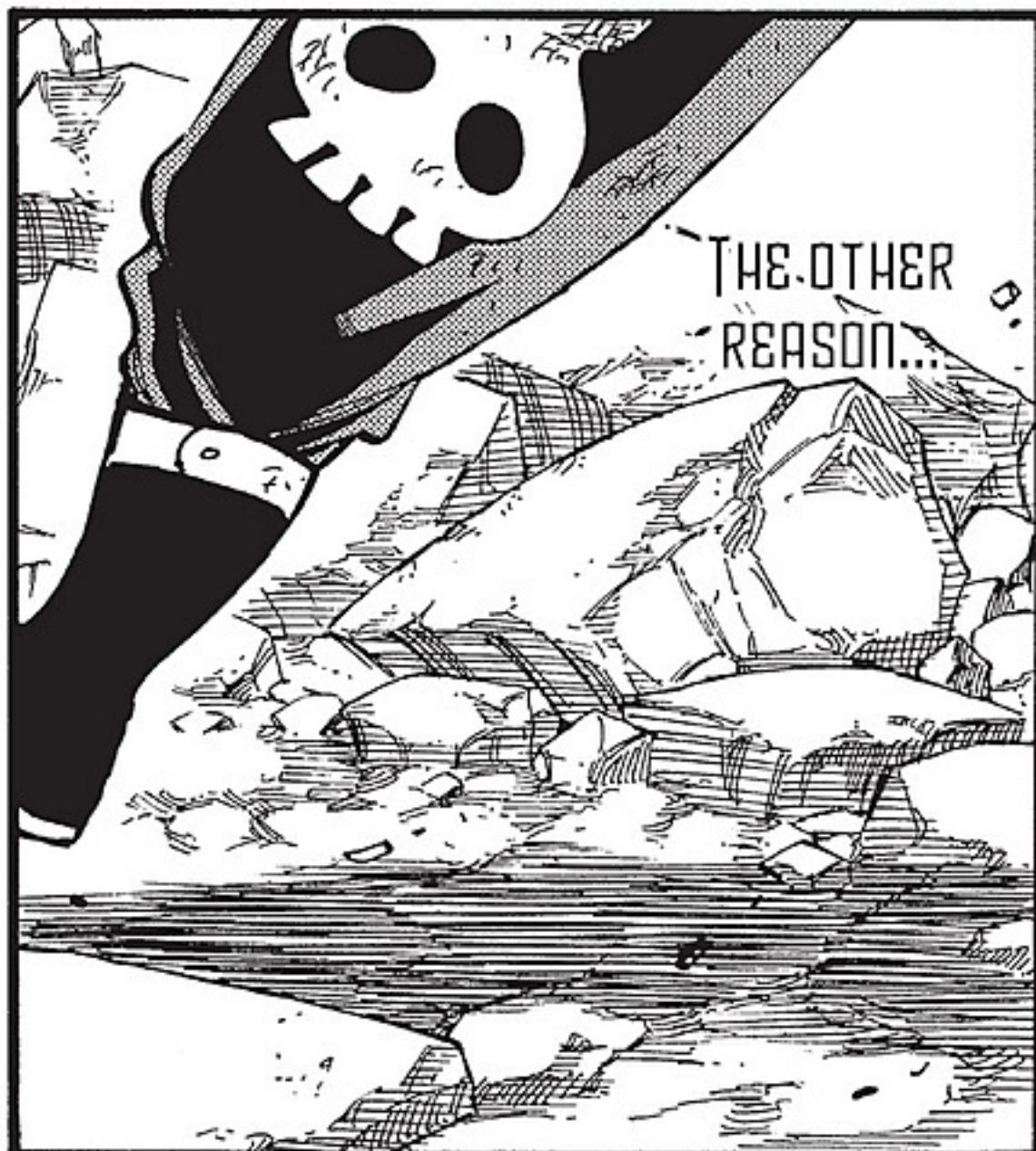
THE FIRST
WAS, AS I
SAID, TO KEEP
YOU FROM
TURNING INTO
DRAGONS
YOURSELVES.

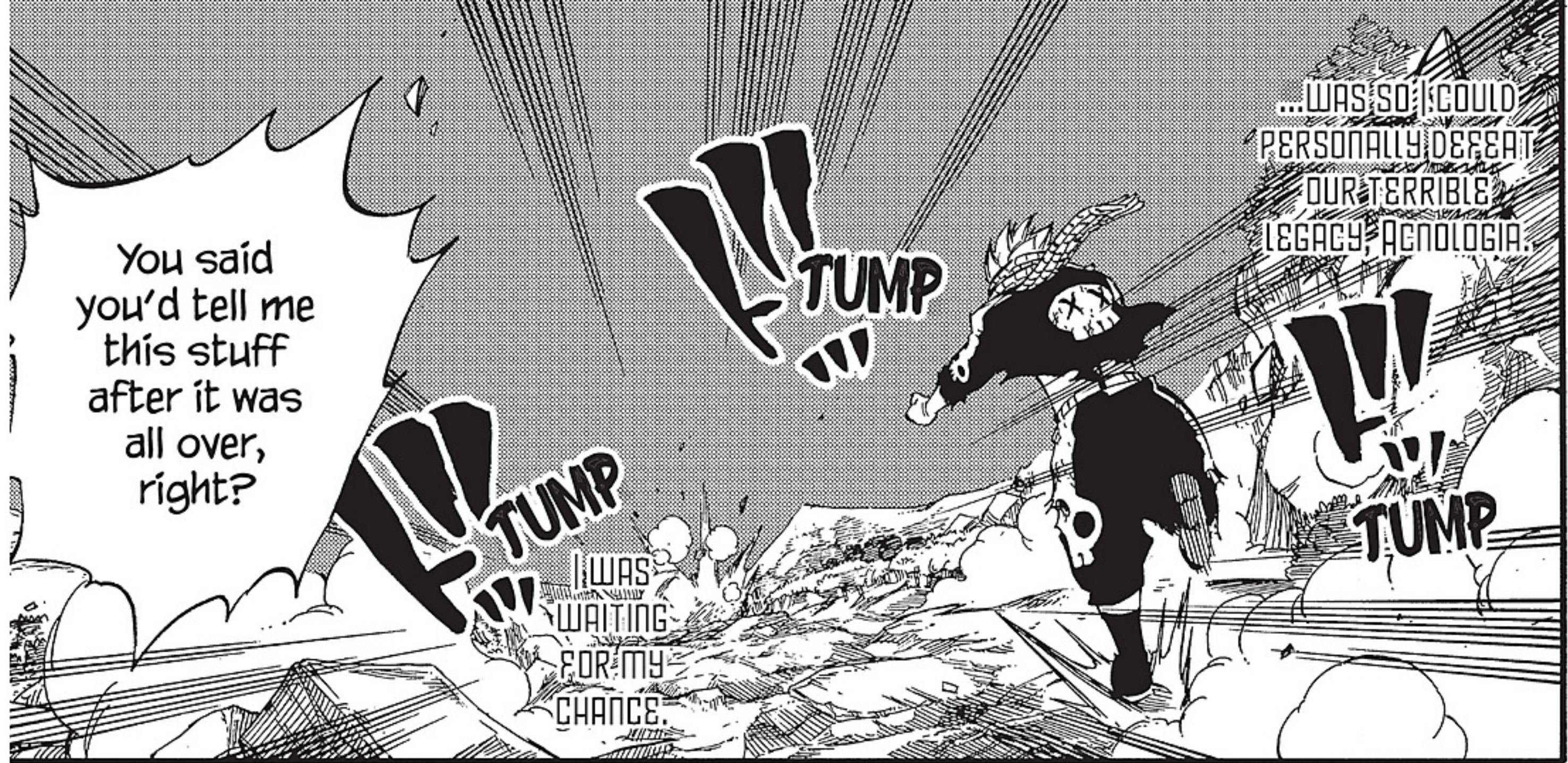


THE OTHER
REASON...

Natsu!

WE WEREN'T ABLE TO
LEAVE YOUR BODIES
UNTIL WE FINISHED THIS
INOCULATION, NOT EVEN
WHEN YOU WERE IN
DANGER.





You said
you'd tell me
this stuff
after it was
all over,
right?

...WAS SO I COULD
PERSONALLY DEFEAT
OUR TERRIBLE
LEGACY, ACNOLOGIA.

I WAS
WAITING
FOR MY
CHANCE.



DON'T!!
STAY
BACK!!



Just
wait up,
Igneel!!!

I'm coming
to help you
out!!!



I don't
care!!!

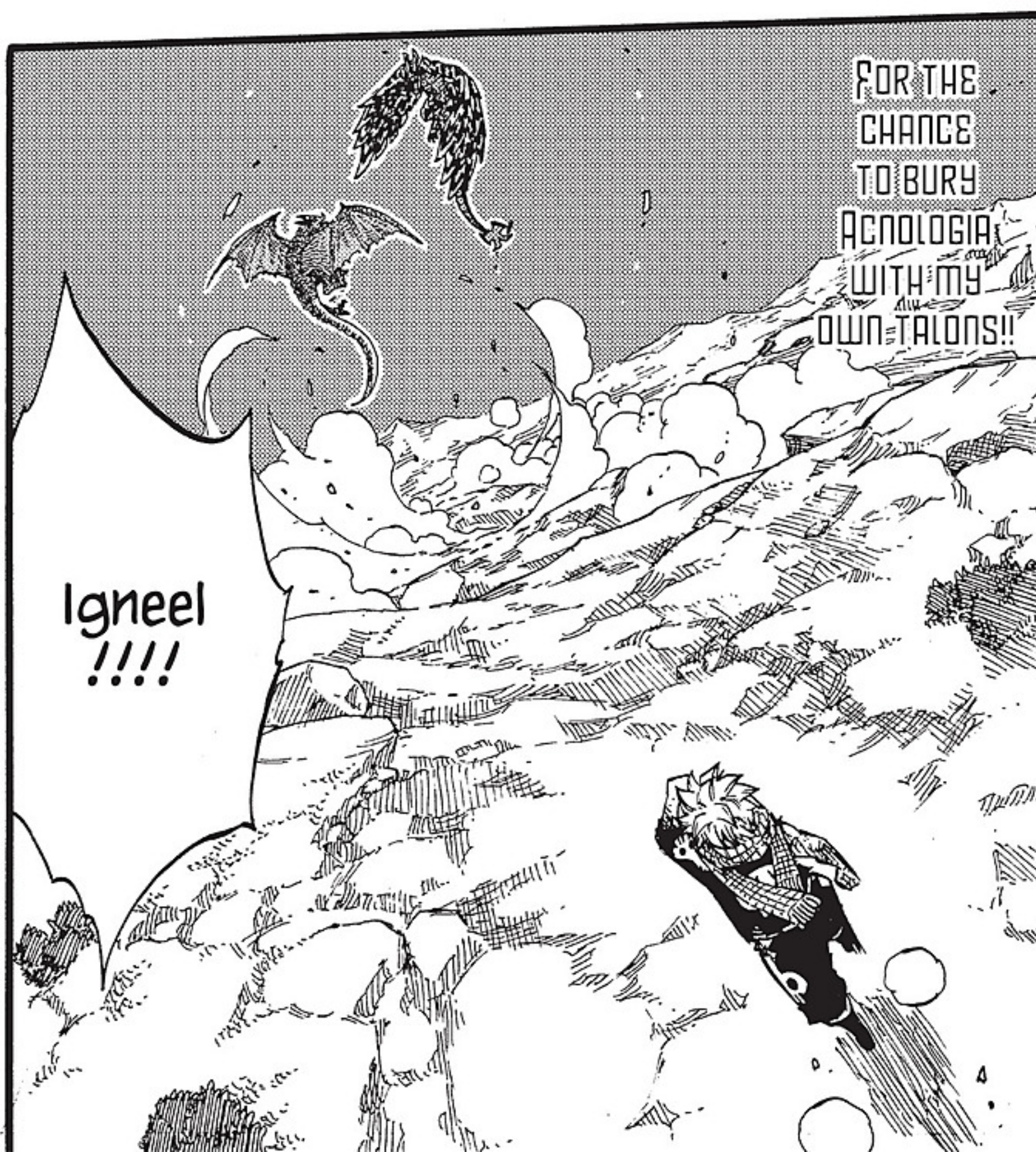
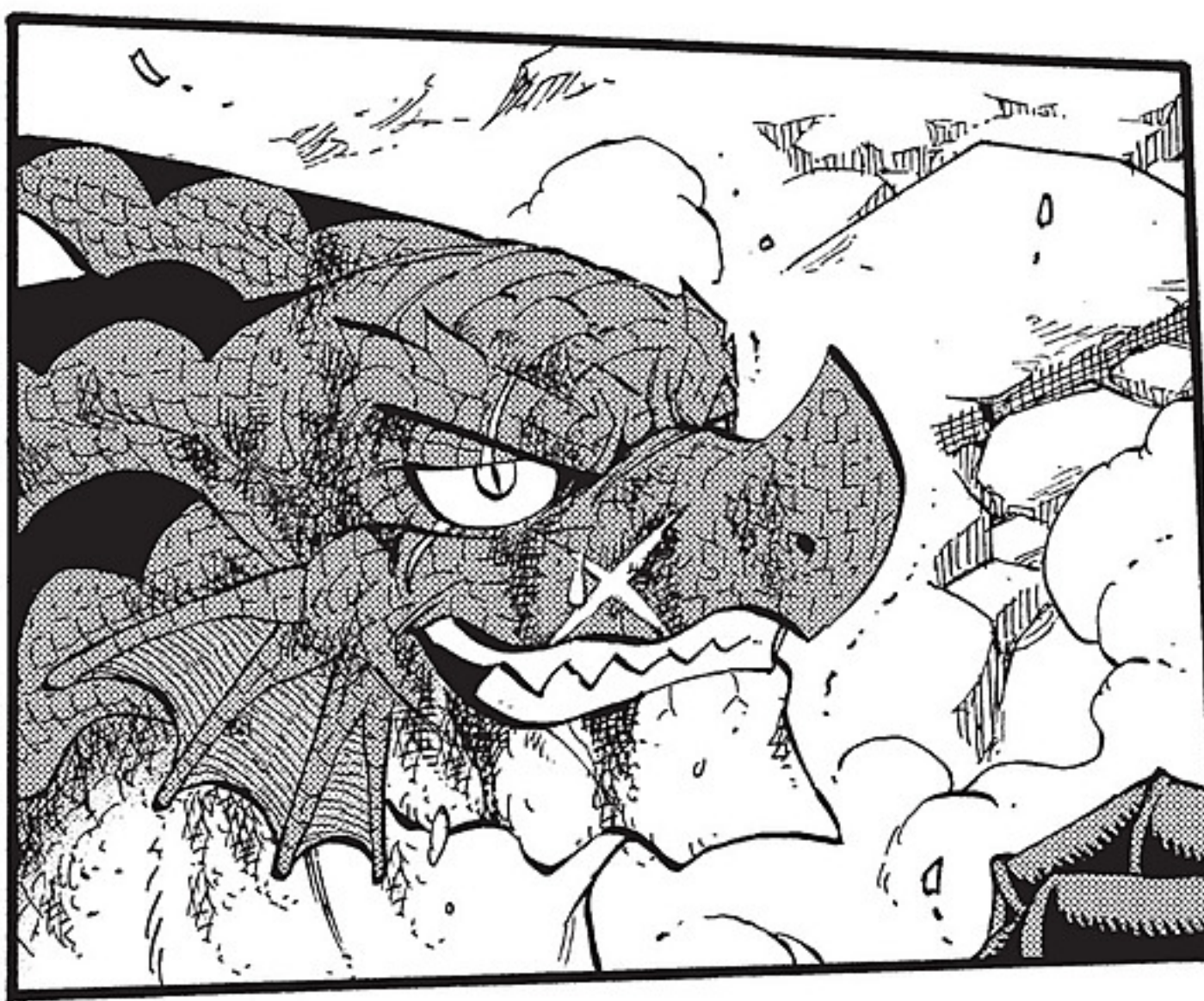


ACNOLOGIA... IS
STRONGER THAN I
EXPECTED...

I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO GET
CAUGHT UP
IN THIS!



**Igneel, if we
team up, there
ain't nothing
that can beat
us!!!!**

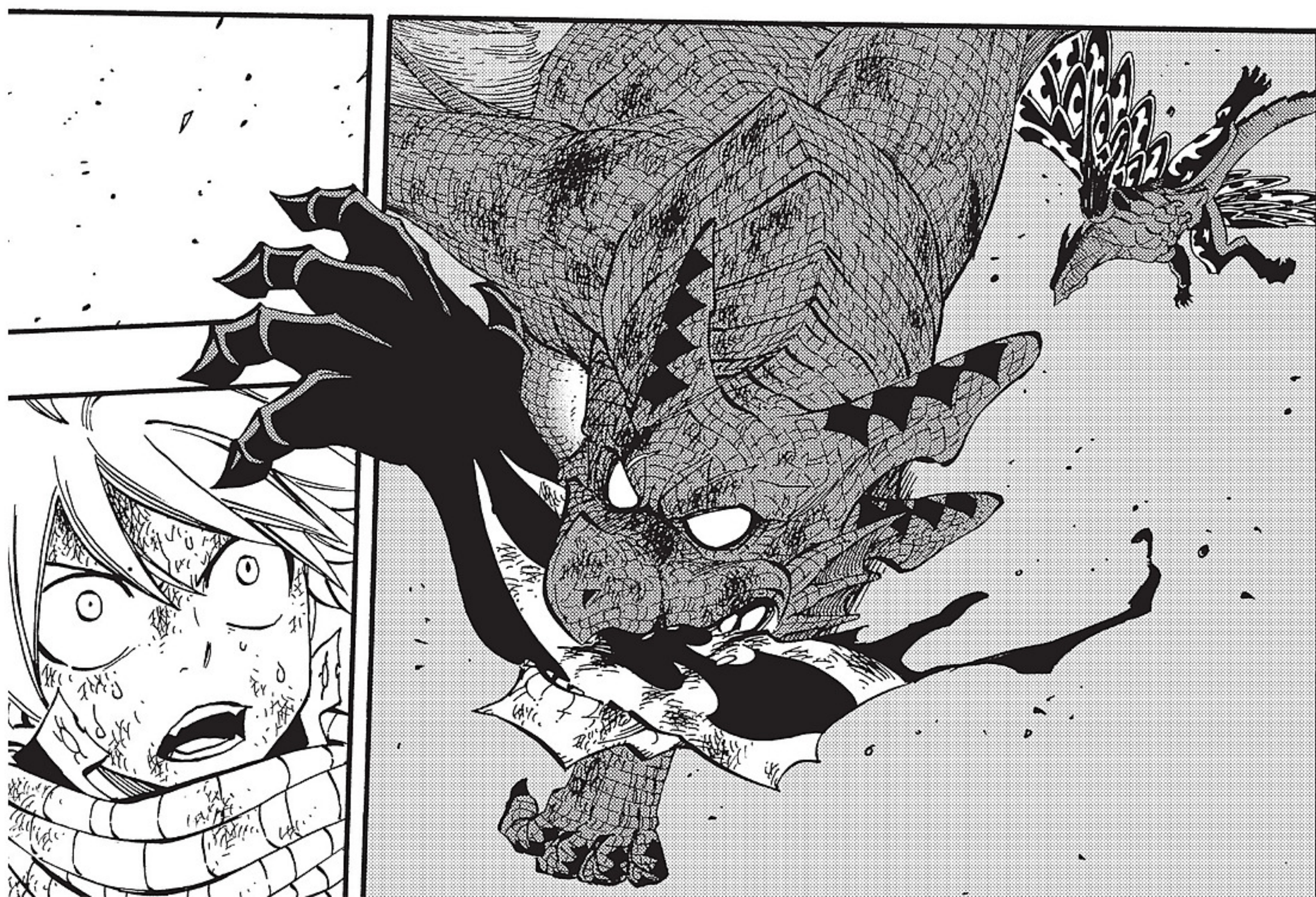
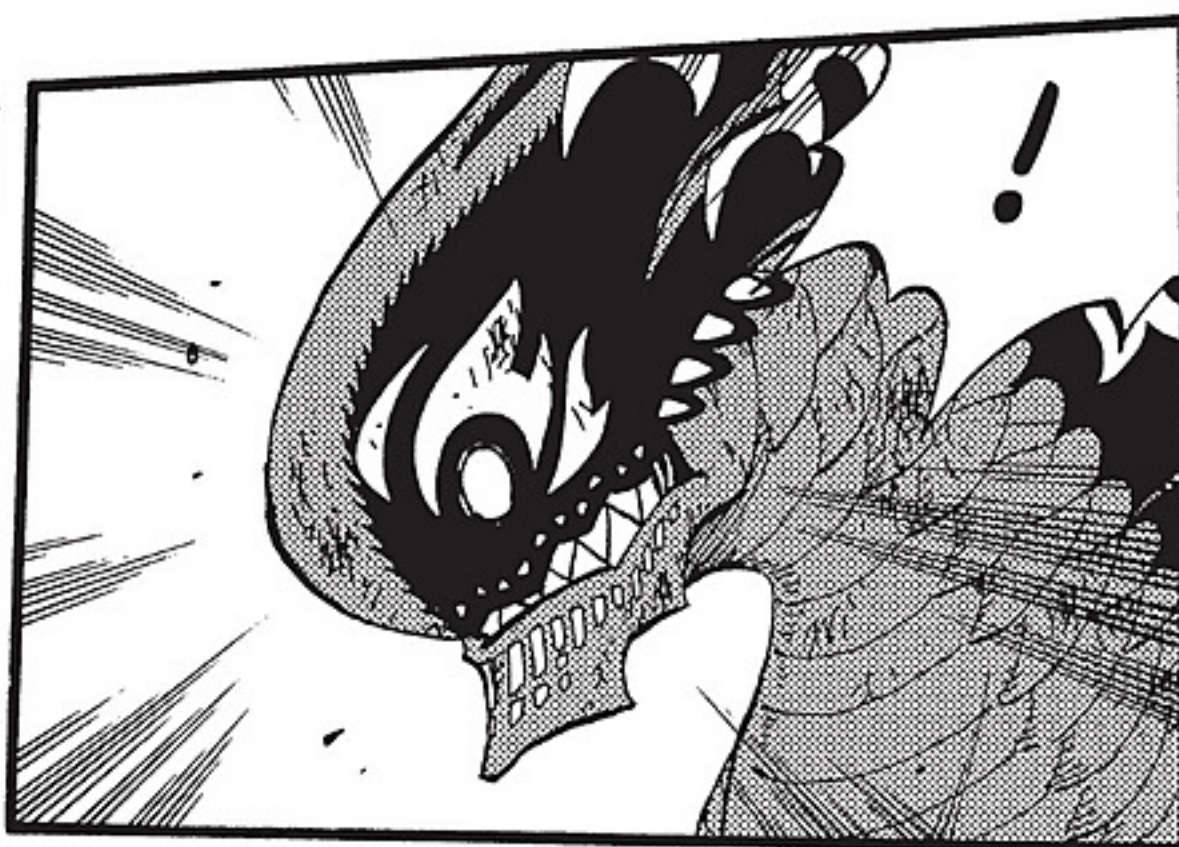
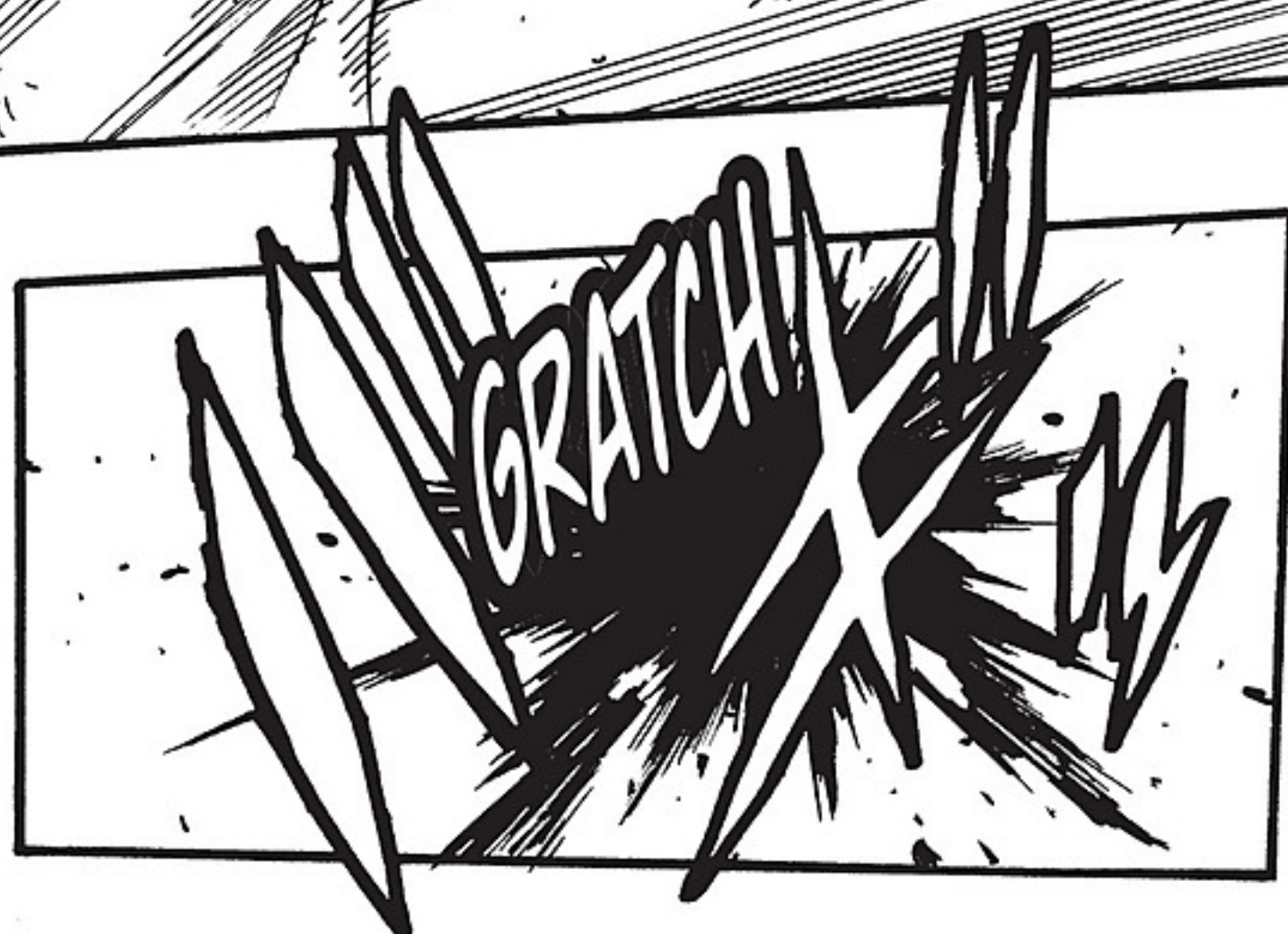
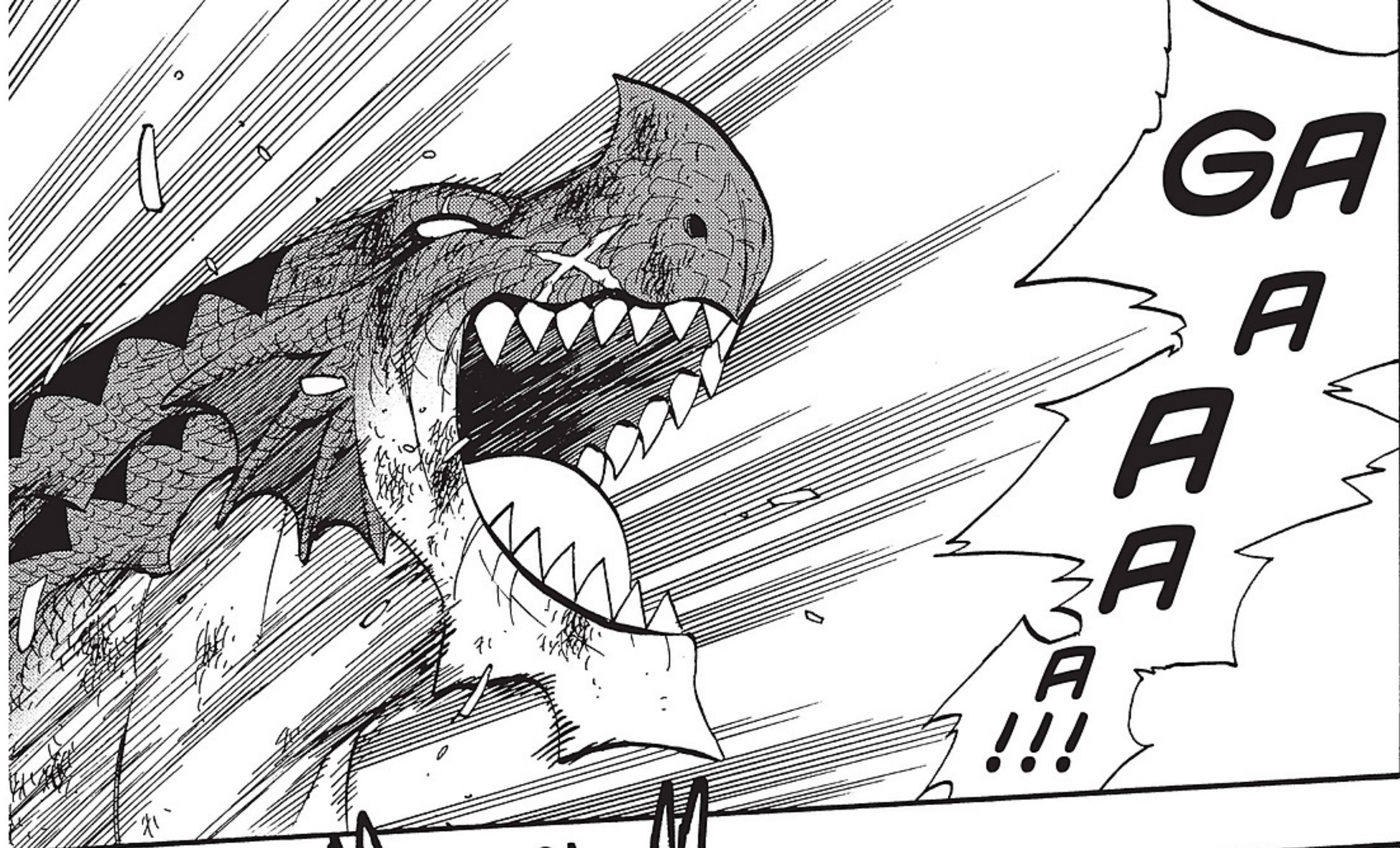


**FOR THE
CHANCE
TO BURY
ACNOLOGIA
WITH MY
OWN TALONS!!**

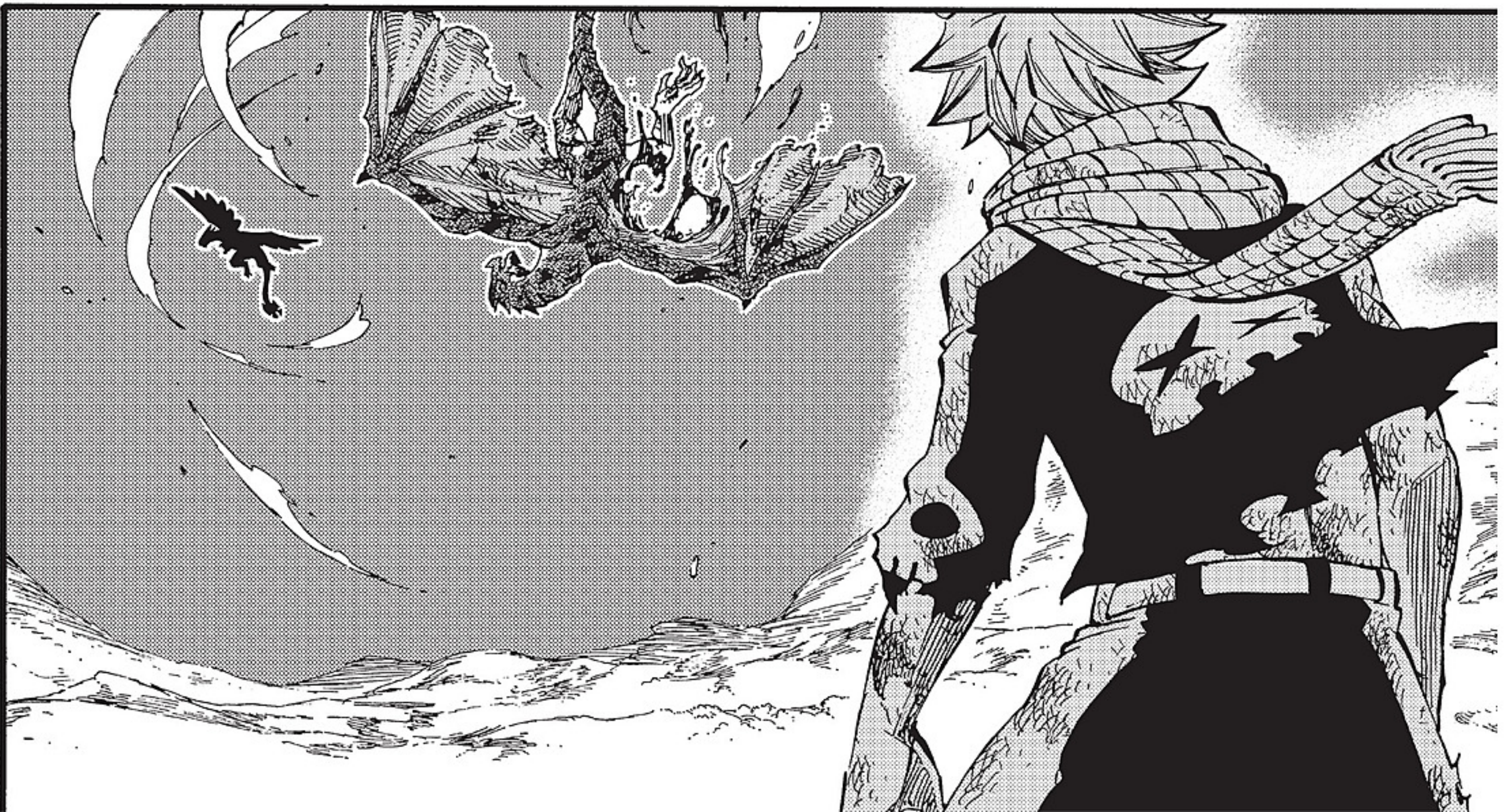
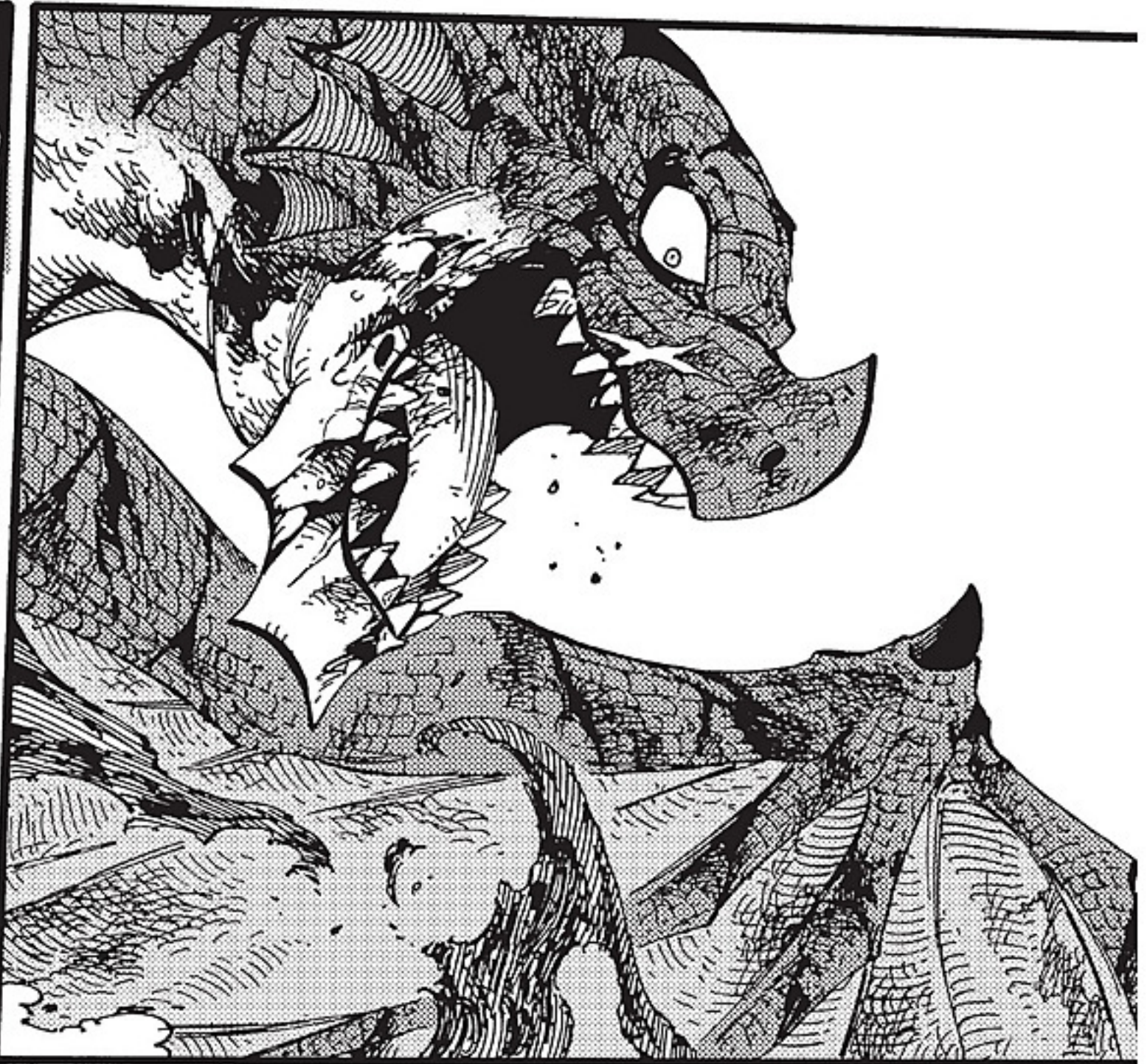
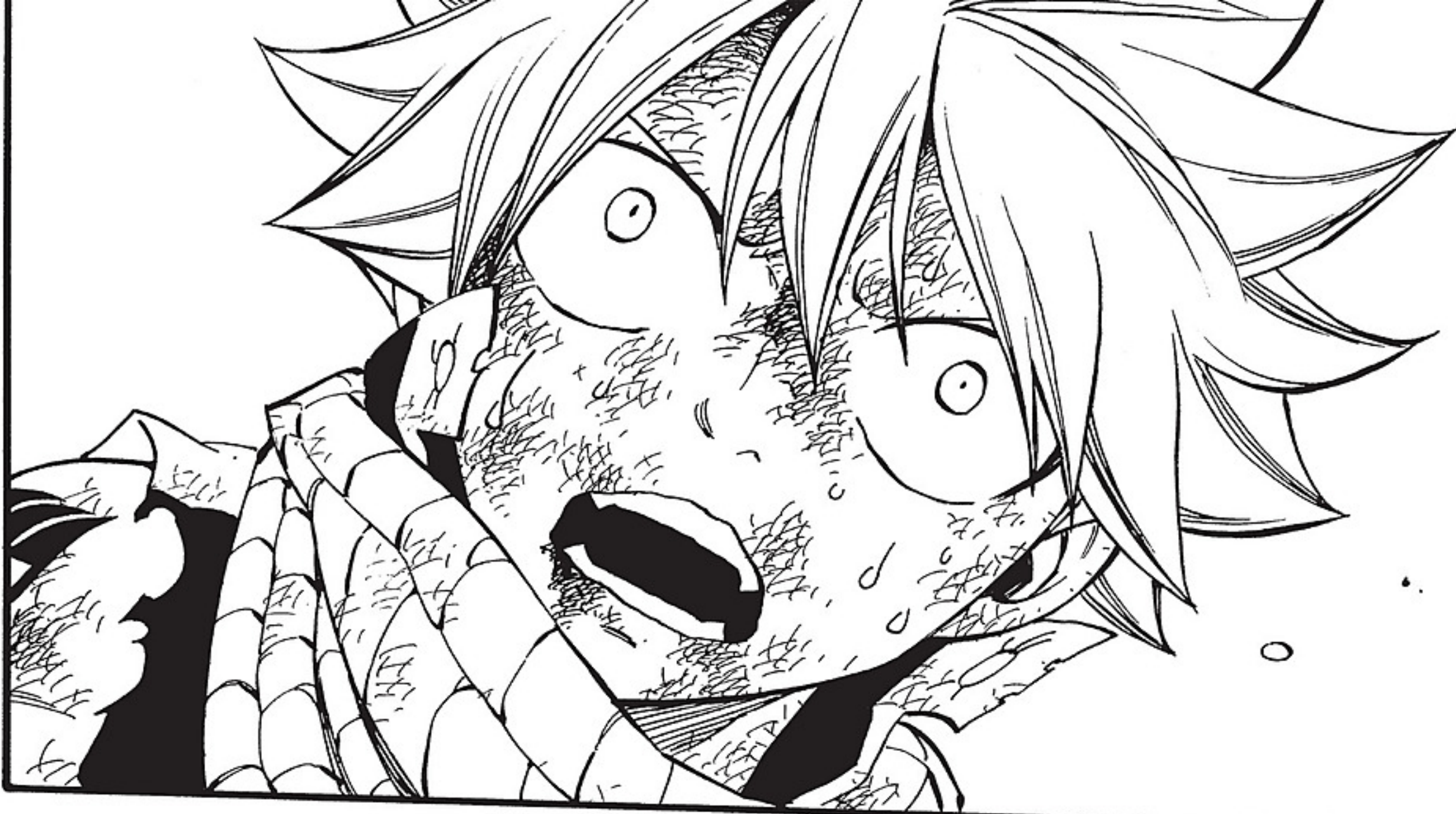
**Igneel
!!!!**



**I'VE WAITED
FOR THIS
MOMENT!**







Natsu...

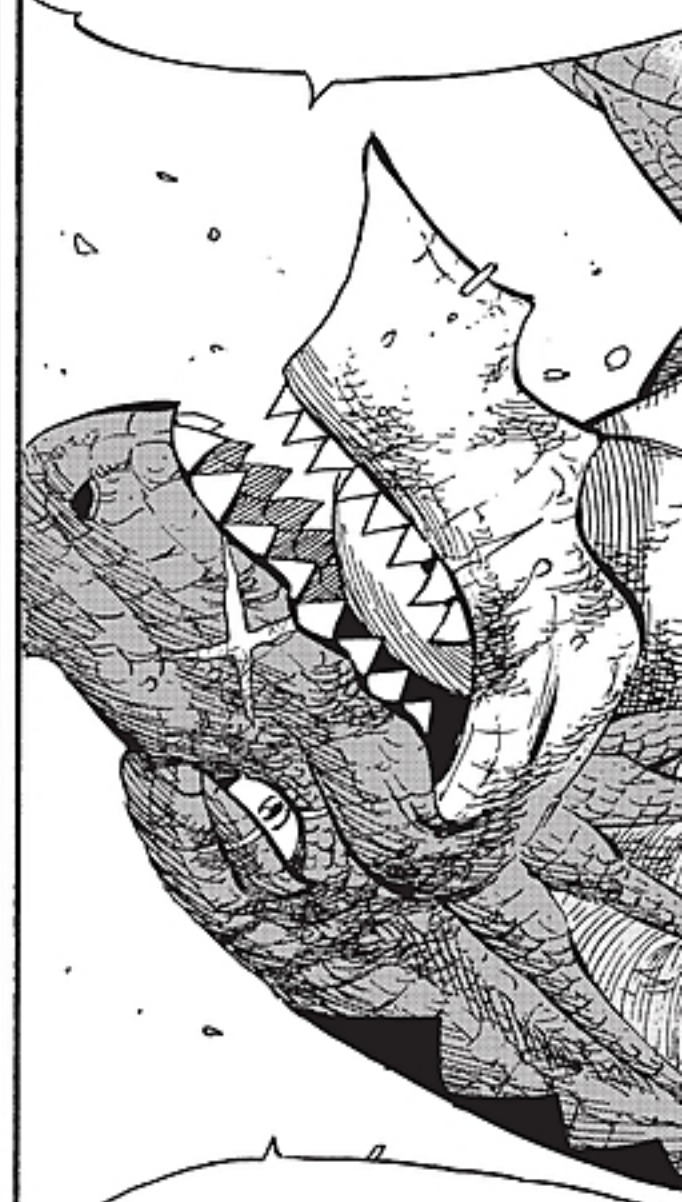
I was
watching over
you all along,
as you grew
up!

You've
gotten so...
big and
strong...



You gave
me the
strength
that comes
from loving
someone.

The days I
spent with
you...



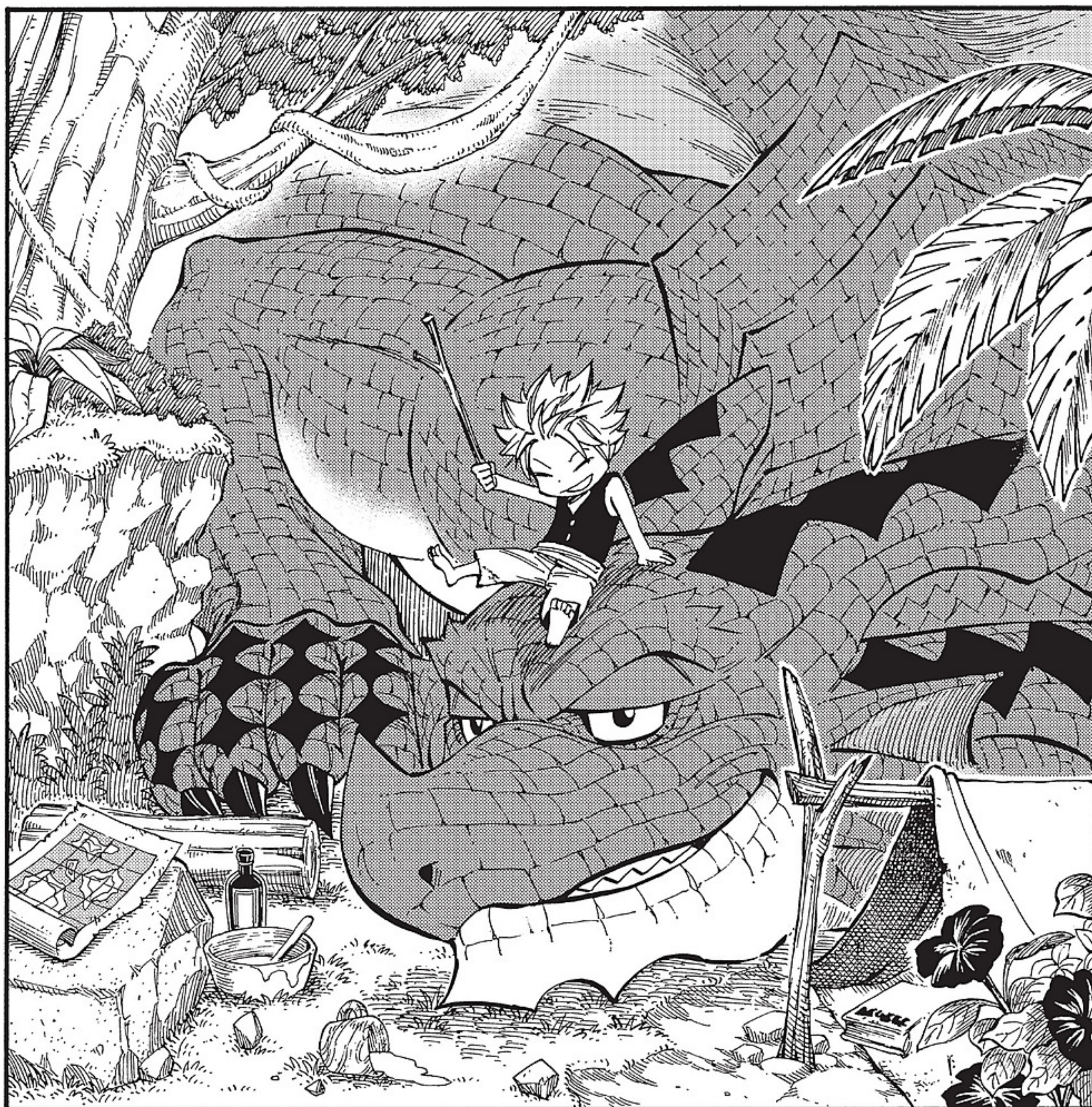
...were the
happiest of
my life.

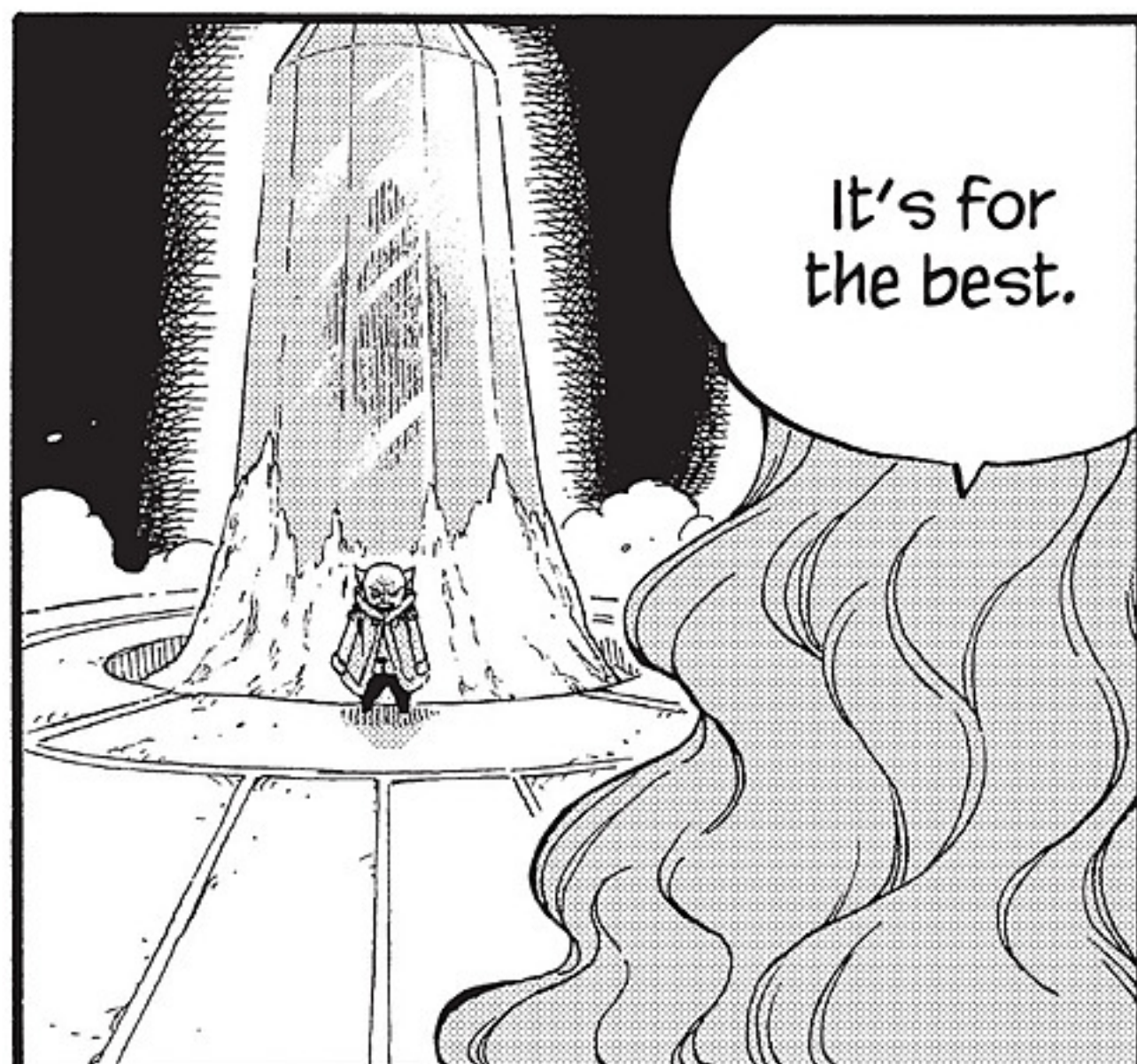
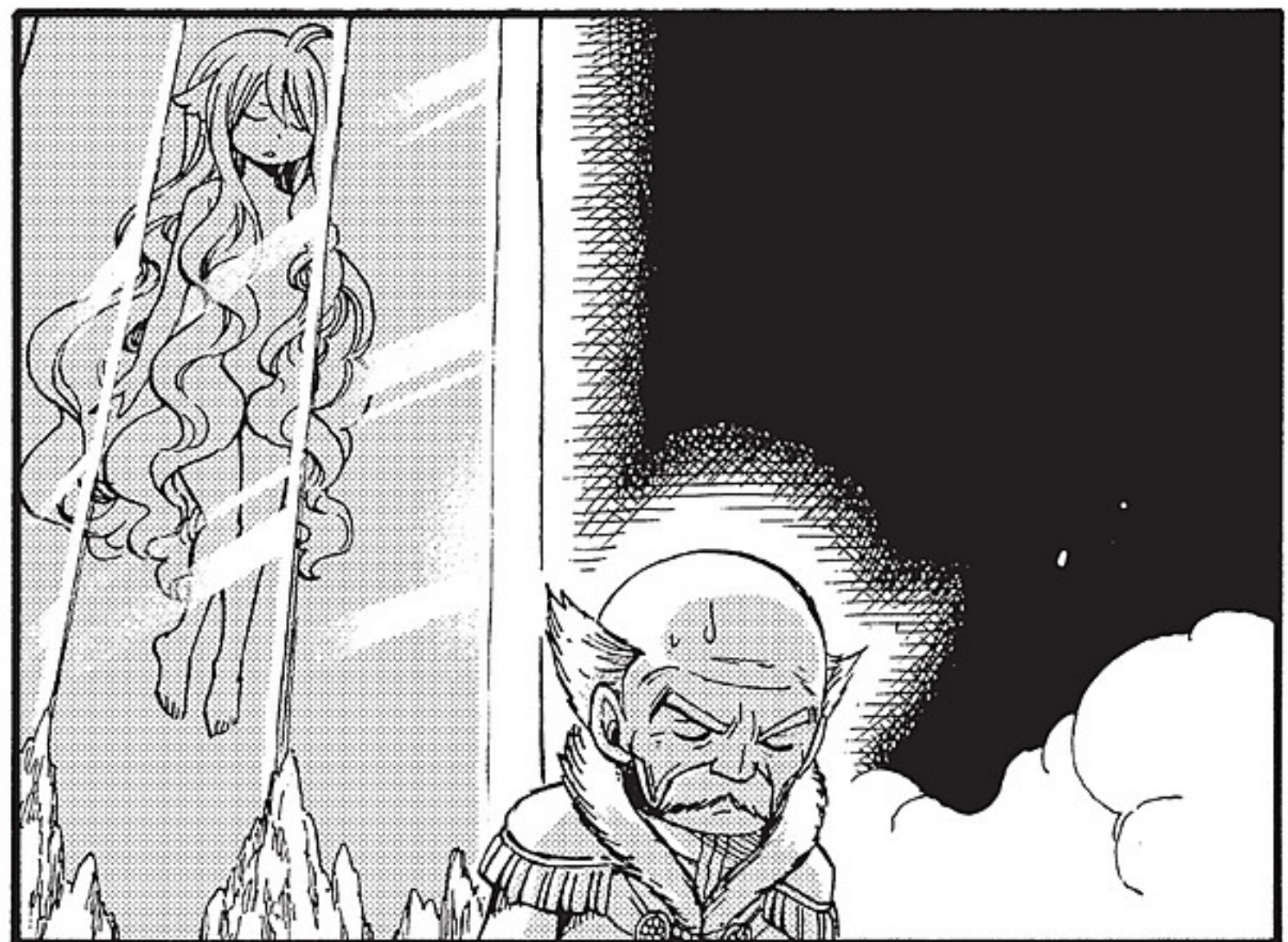
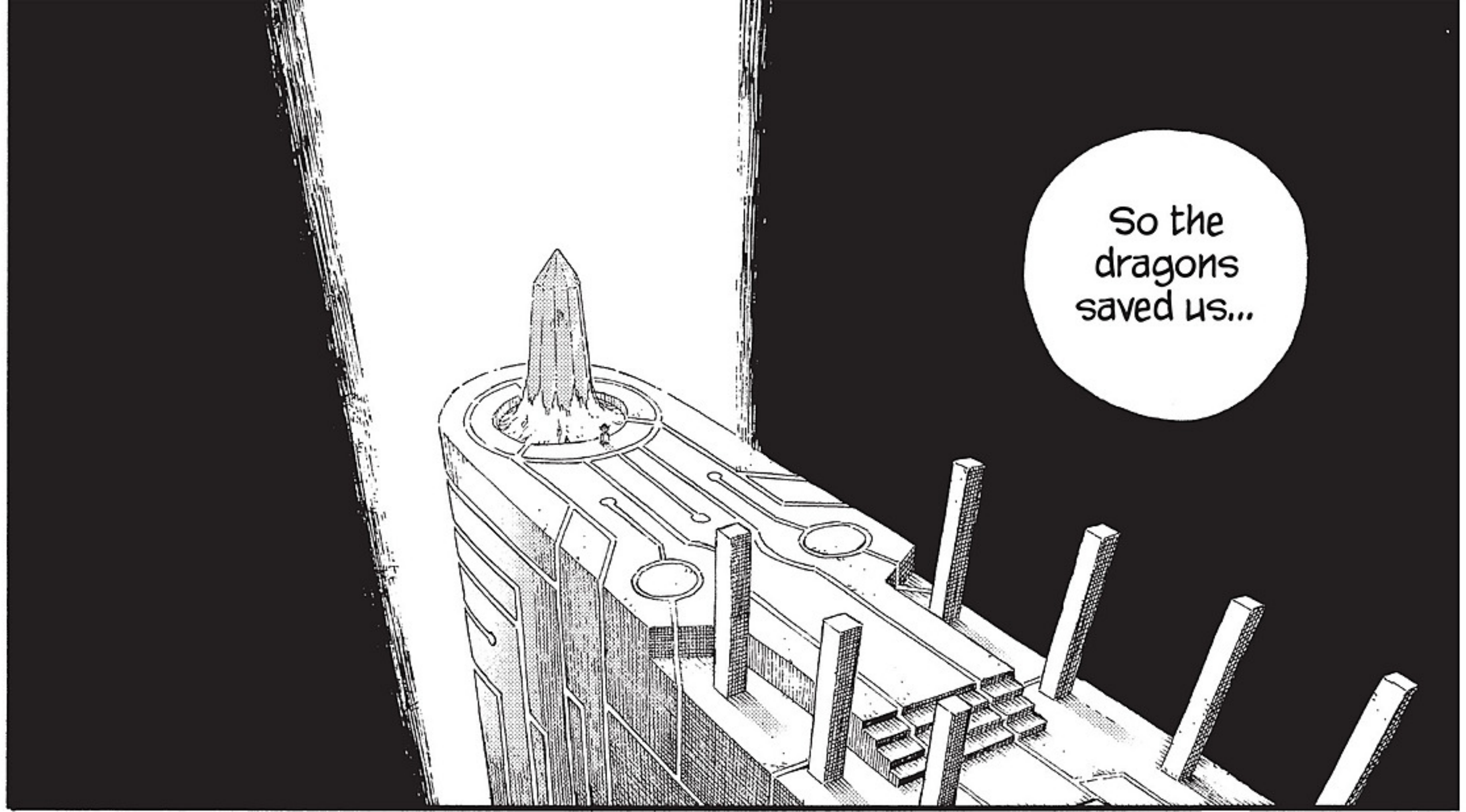


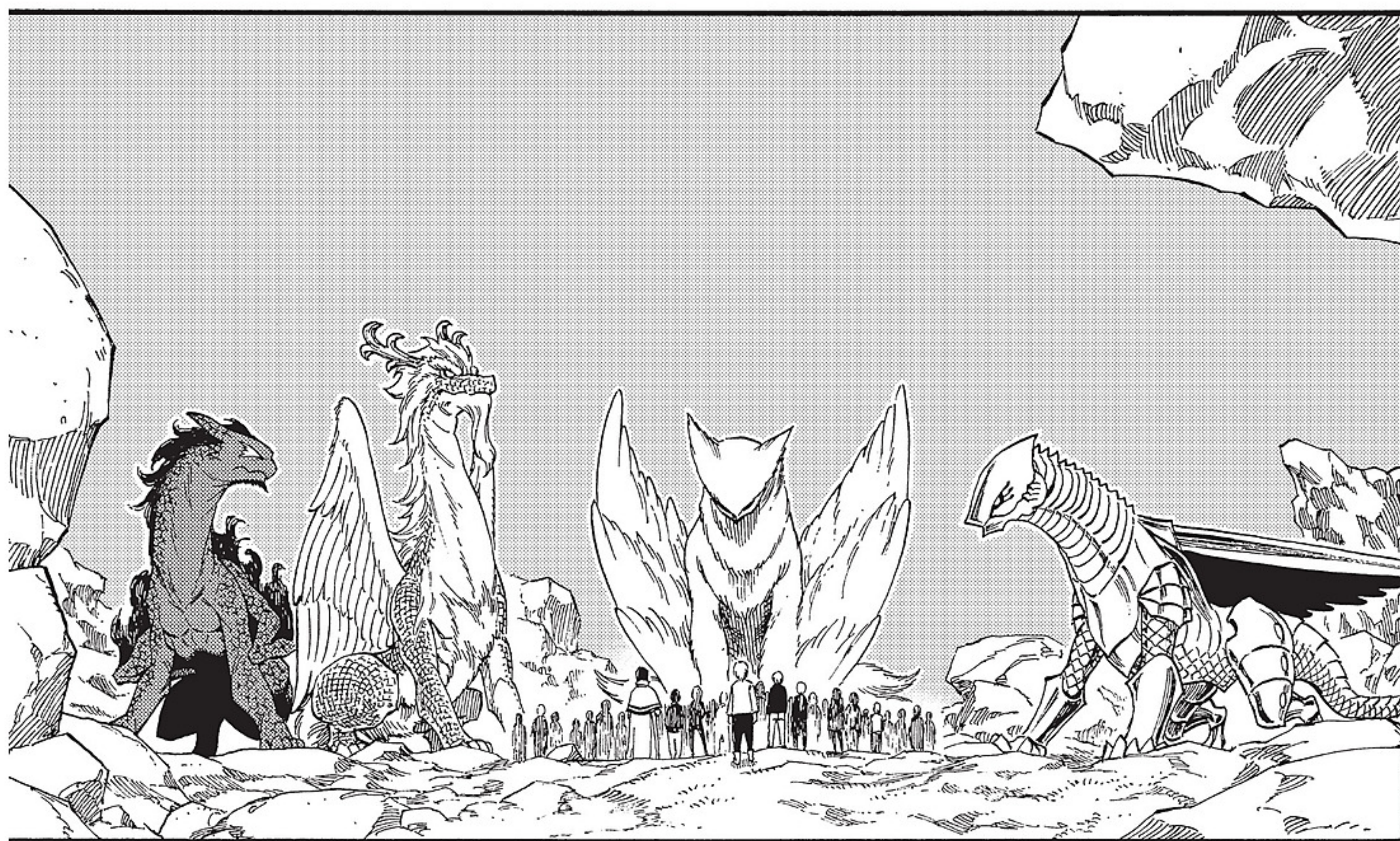
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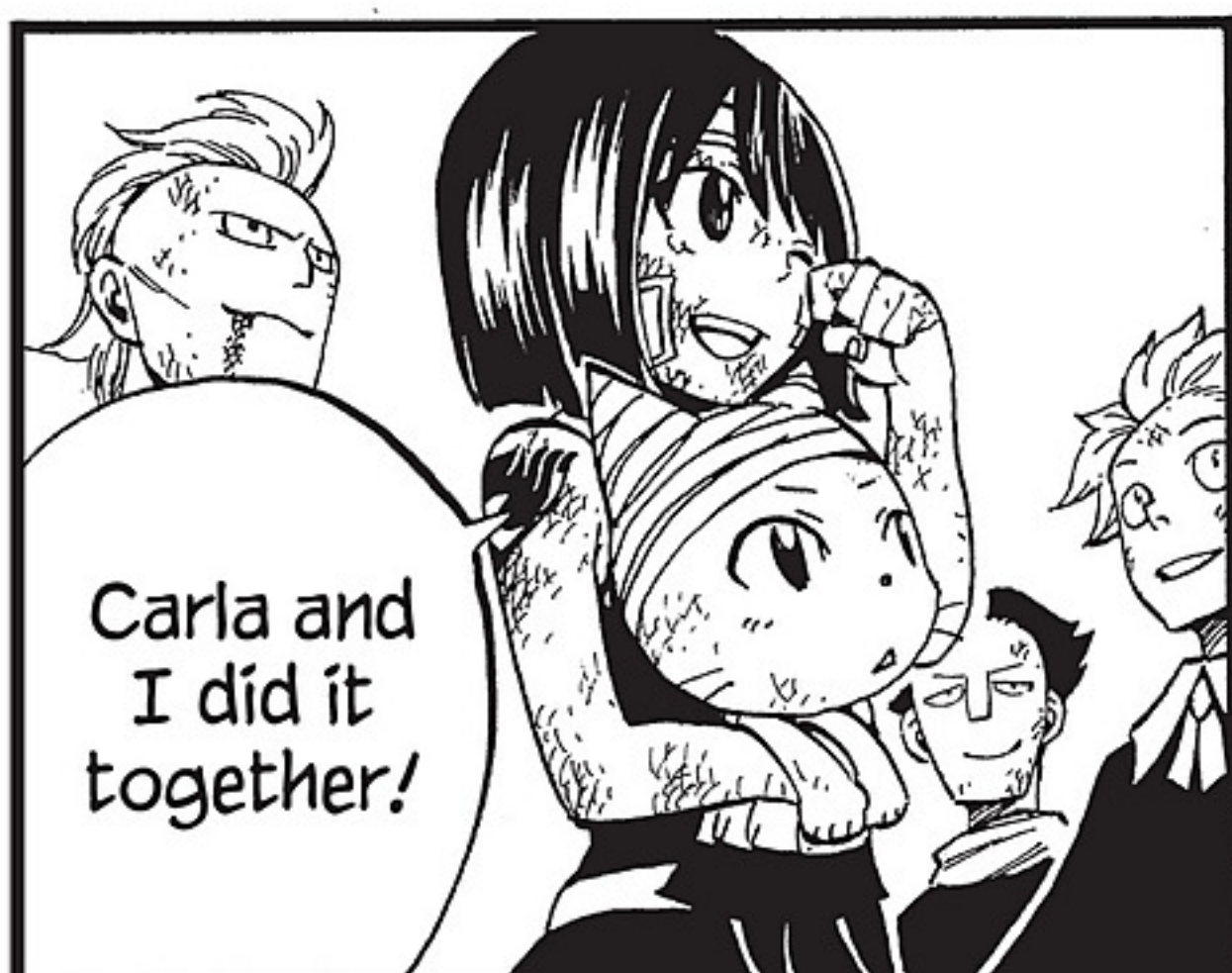
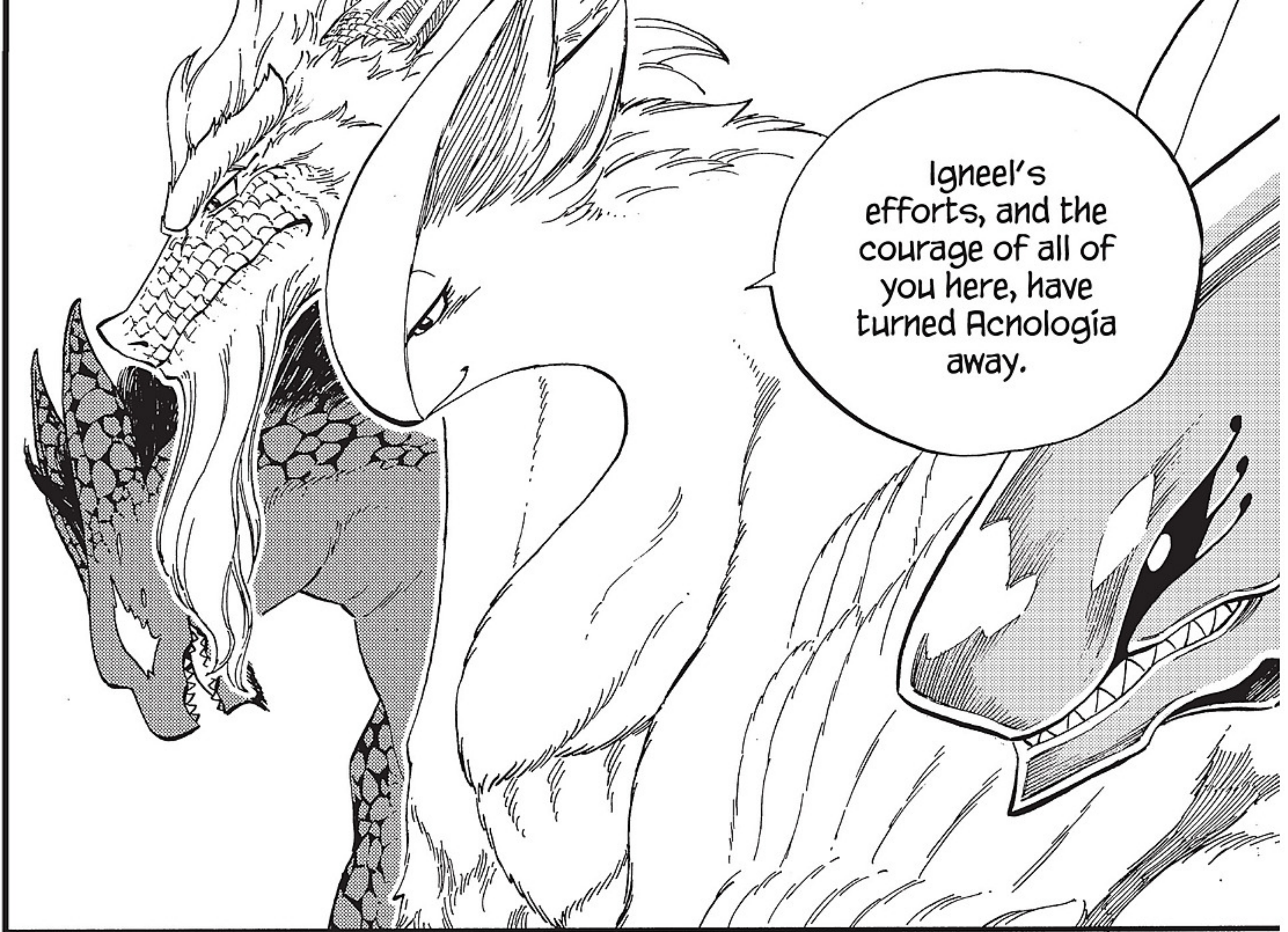
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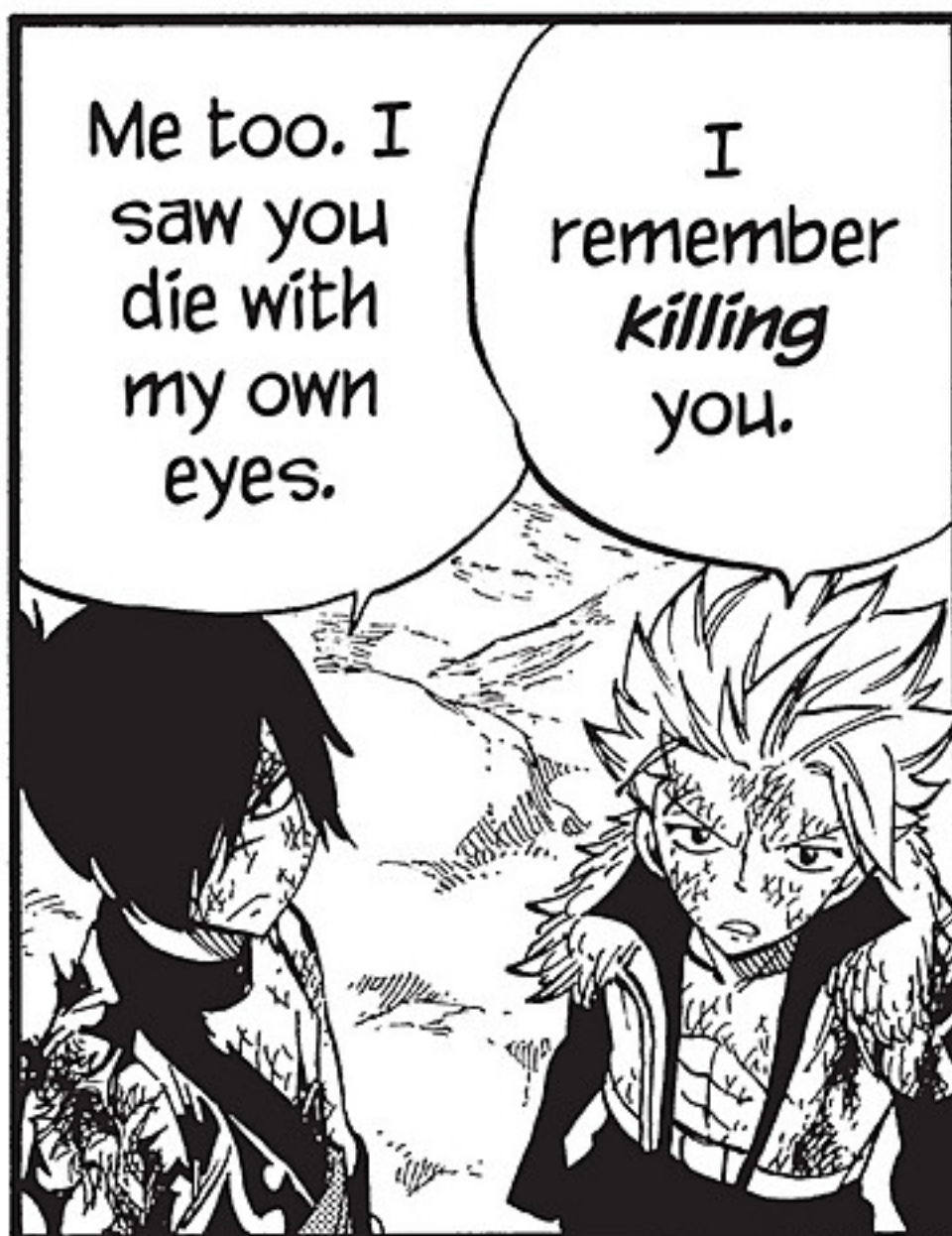
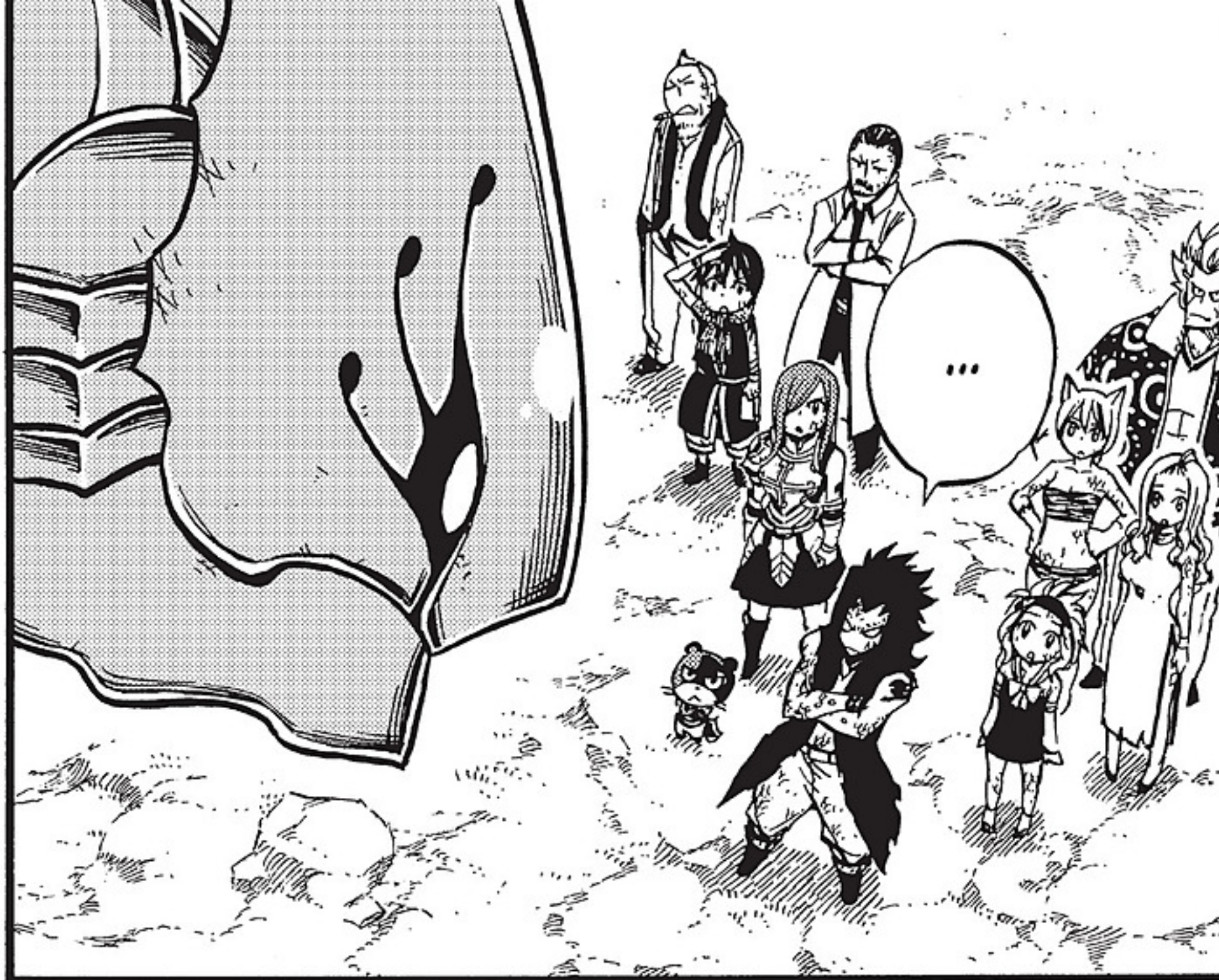
Chapter 415: That Is the Power of Life





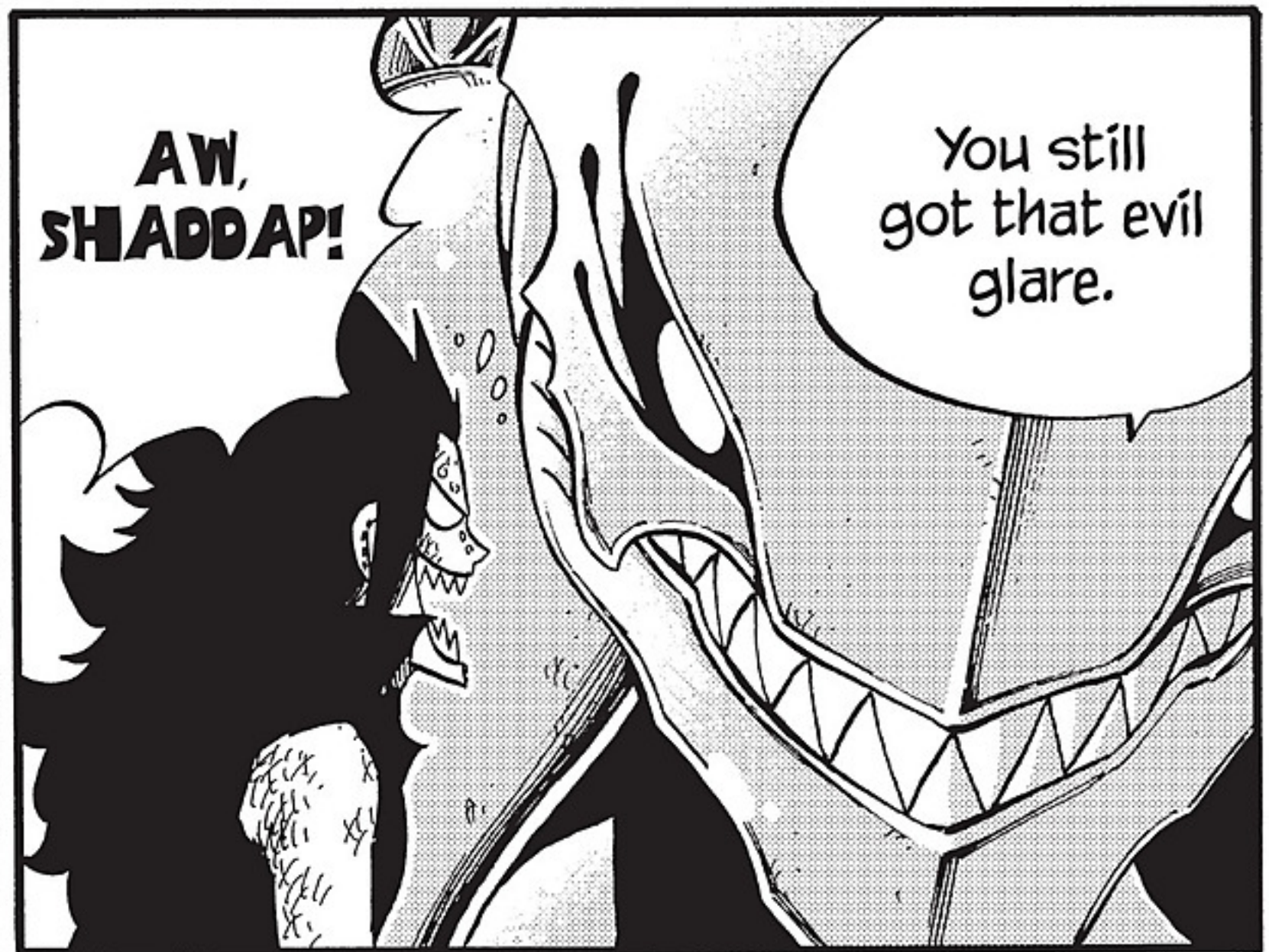






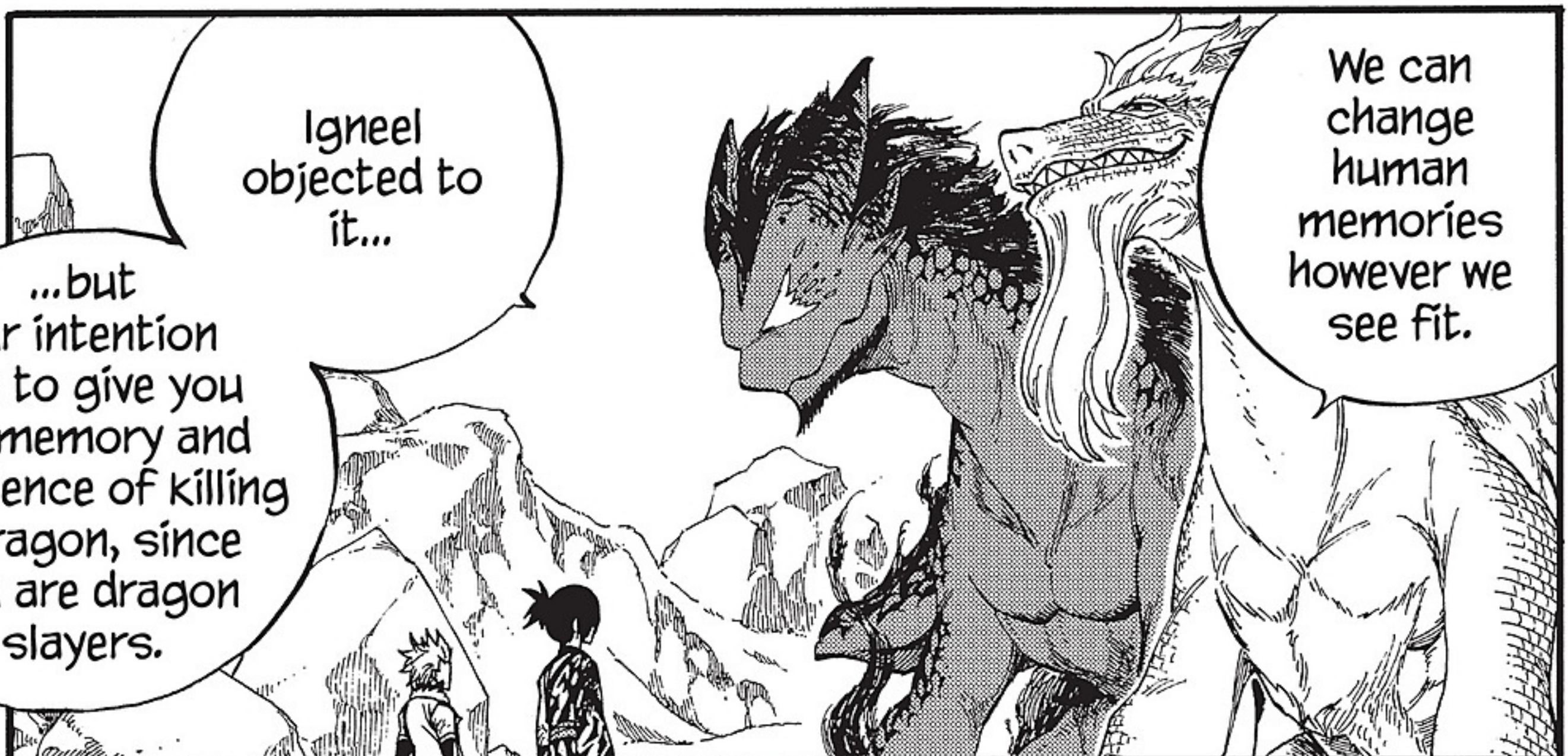
Me too. I saw you die with my own eyes.

I remember *killing* you.



AW, SHADDAP!

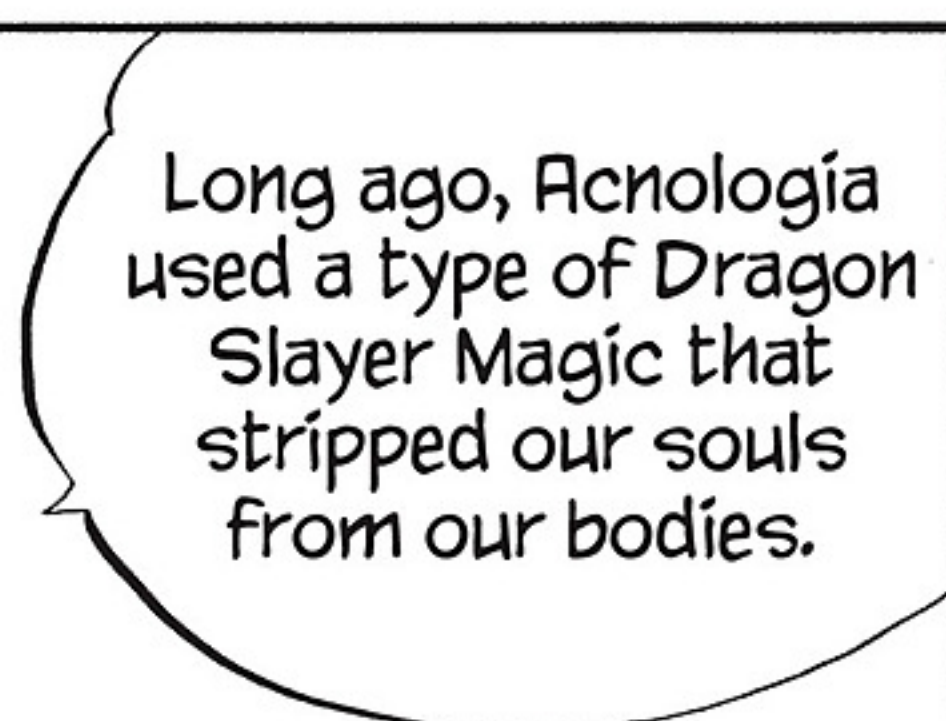
You still got that evil glare.



Igneel objected to it...

...but our intention was to give you the memory and experience of killing a dragon, since you are dragon slayers.

We can change human memories however we see fit.



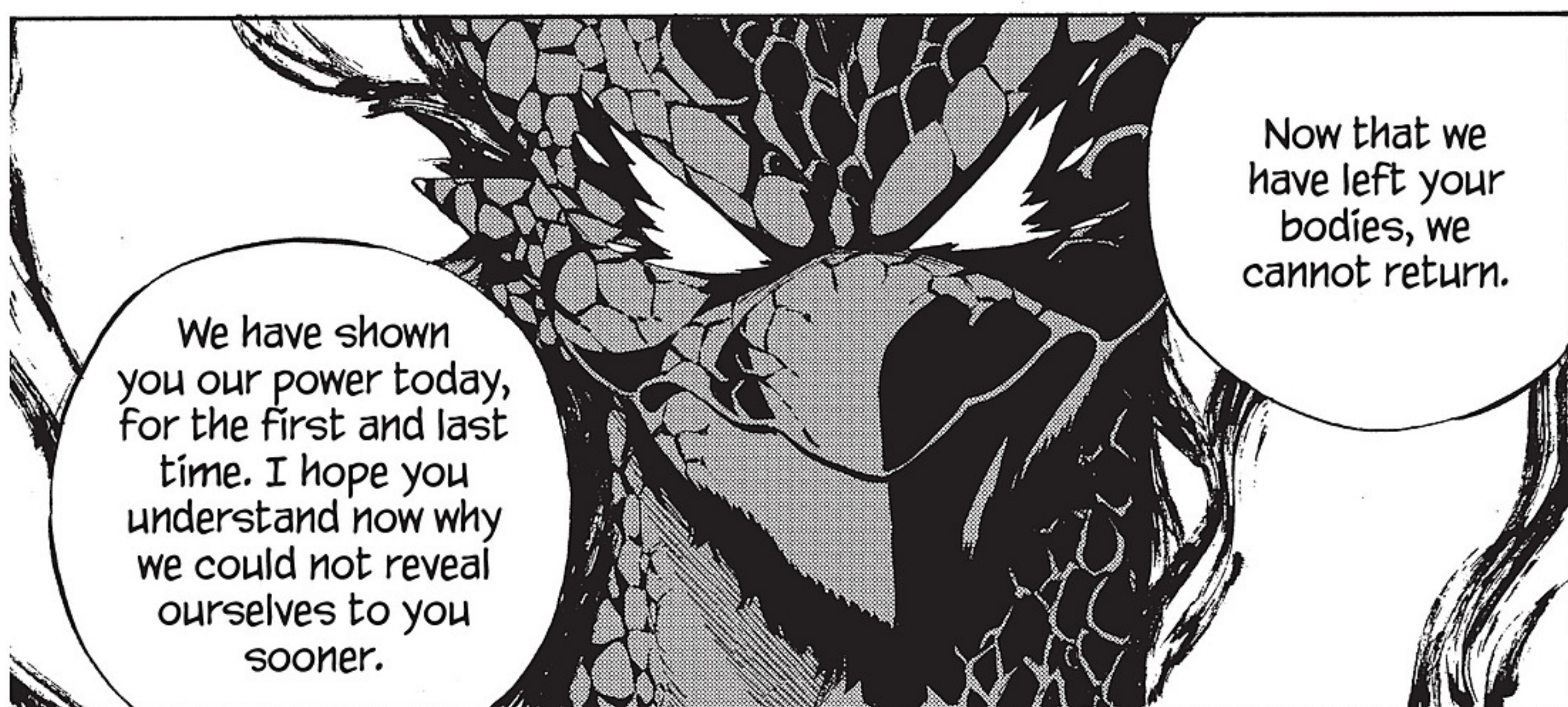


But...

So one other reason we were inside you...

...was to extend our own lives.

...besides defeating Acnologia and keeping you from becoming dragons yourselves...



We have shown you our power today, for the first and last time. I hope you understand now why we could not reveal ourselves to you sooner.

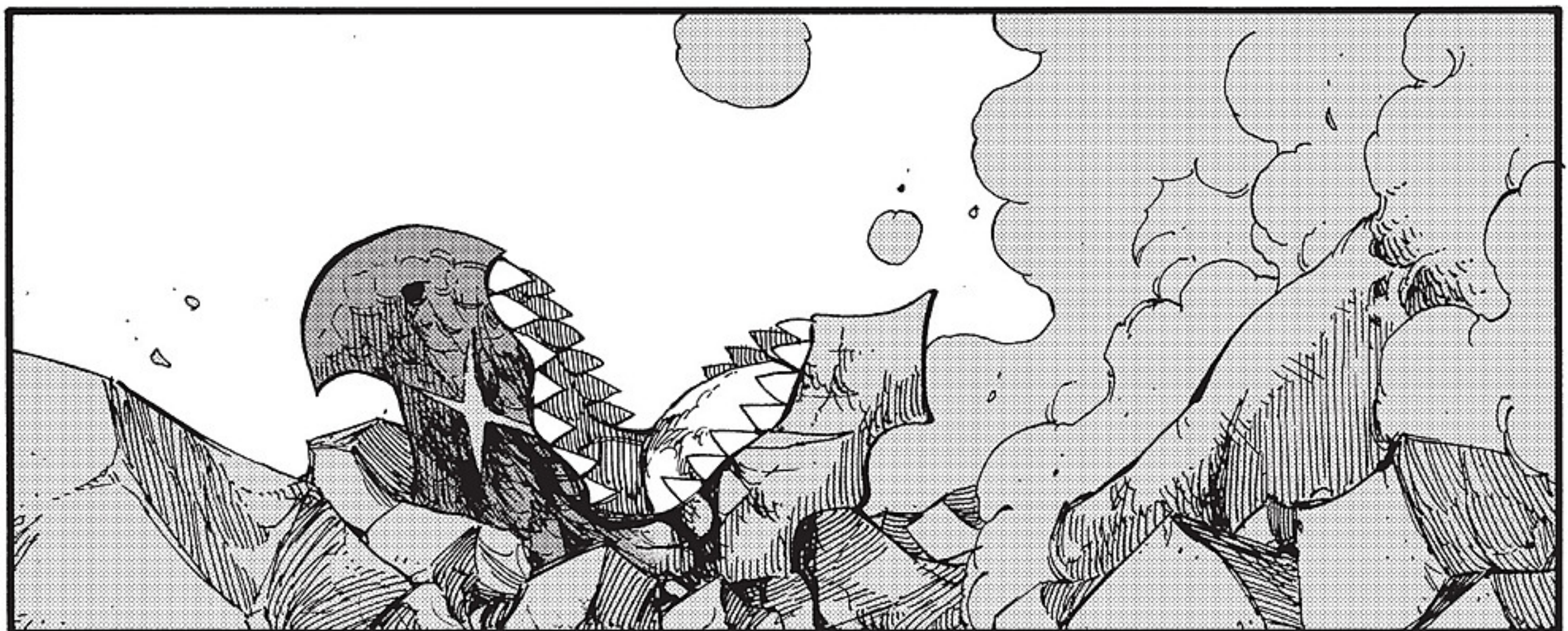
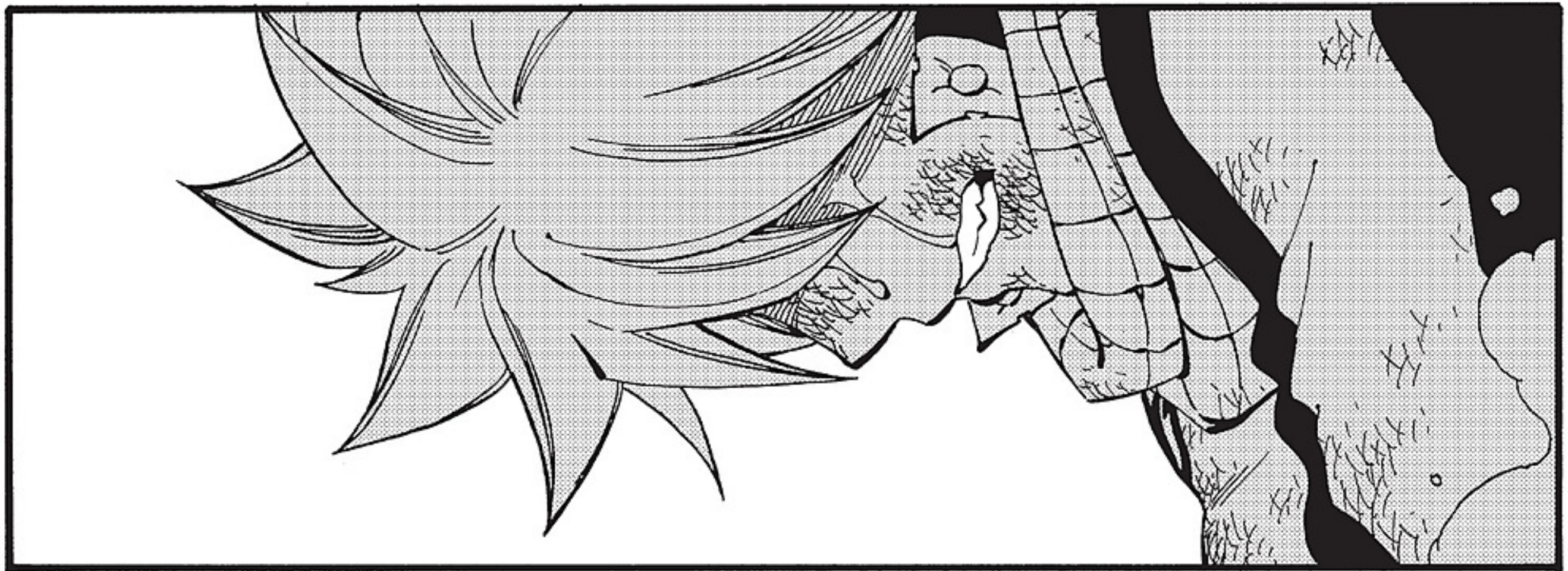
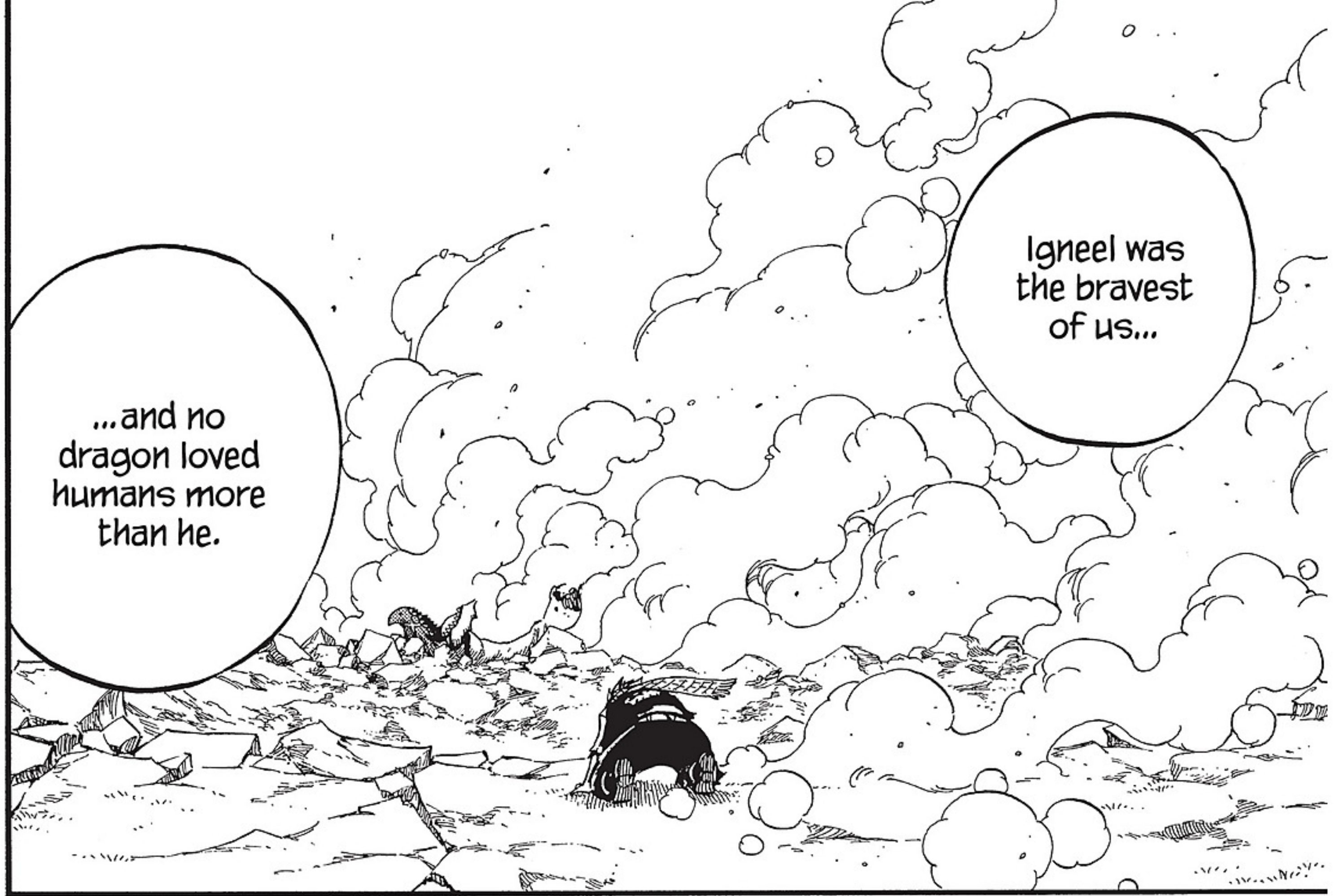
Now that we have left your bodies, we cannot return.

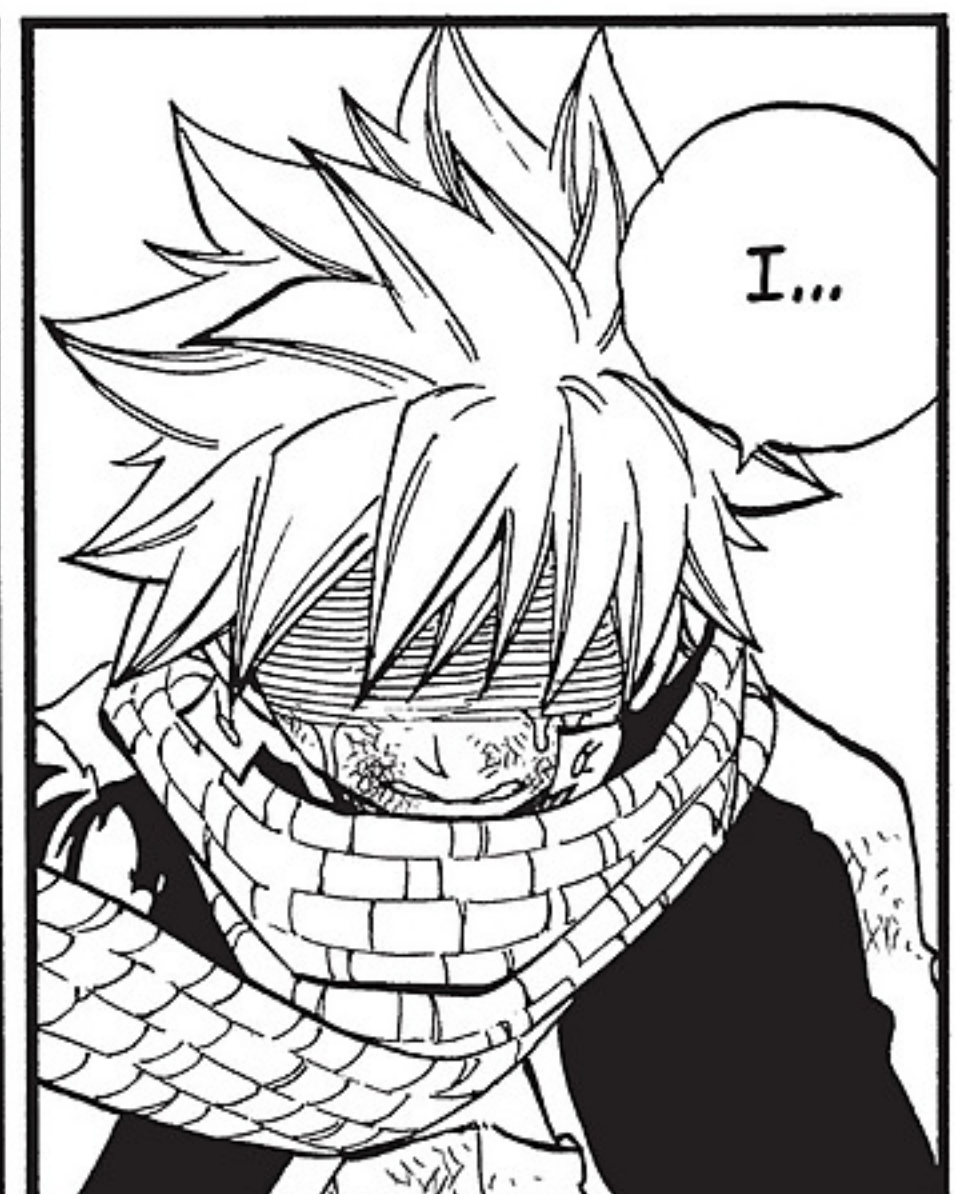
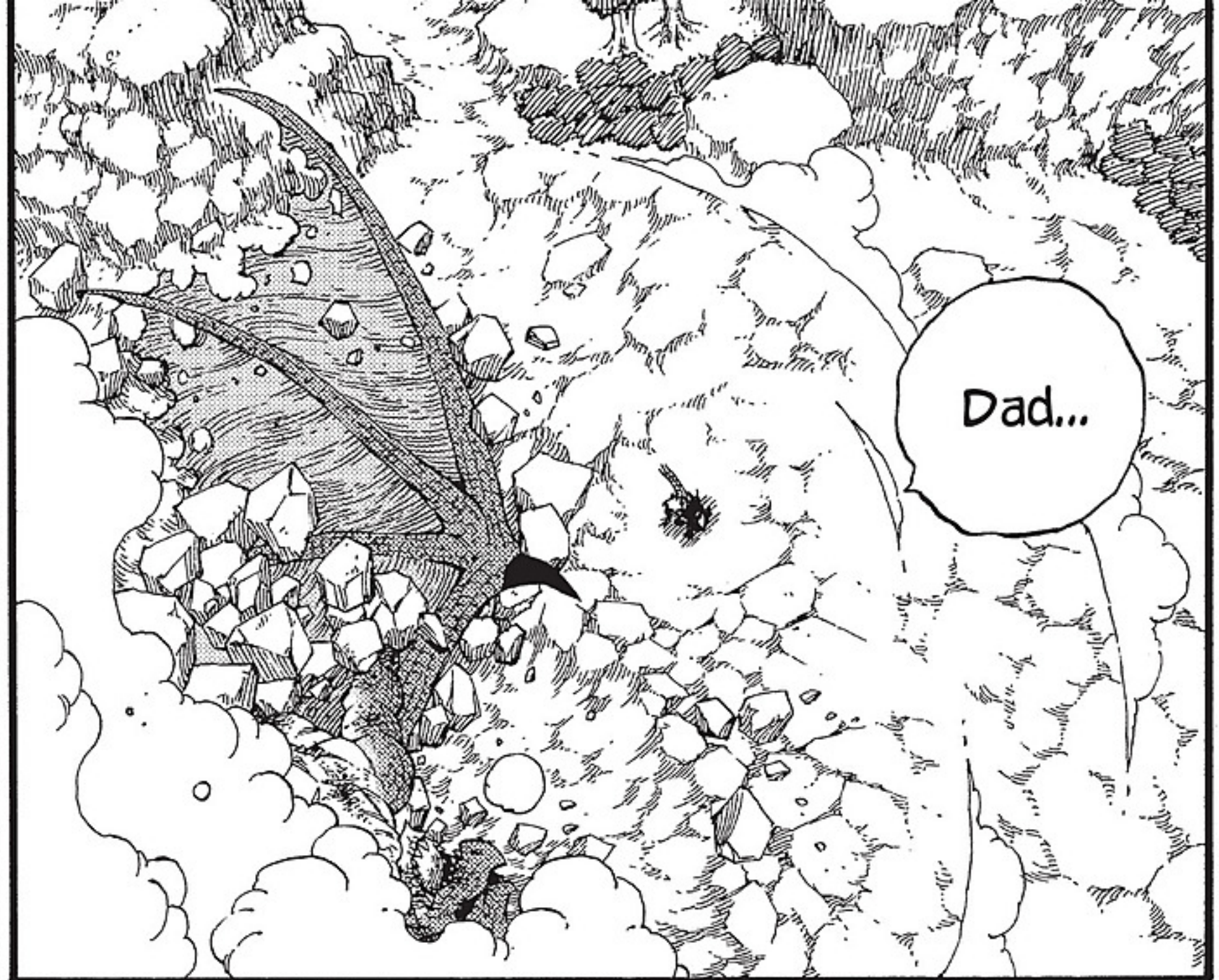


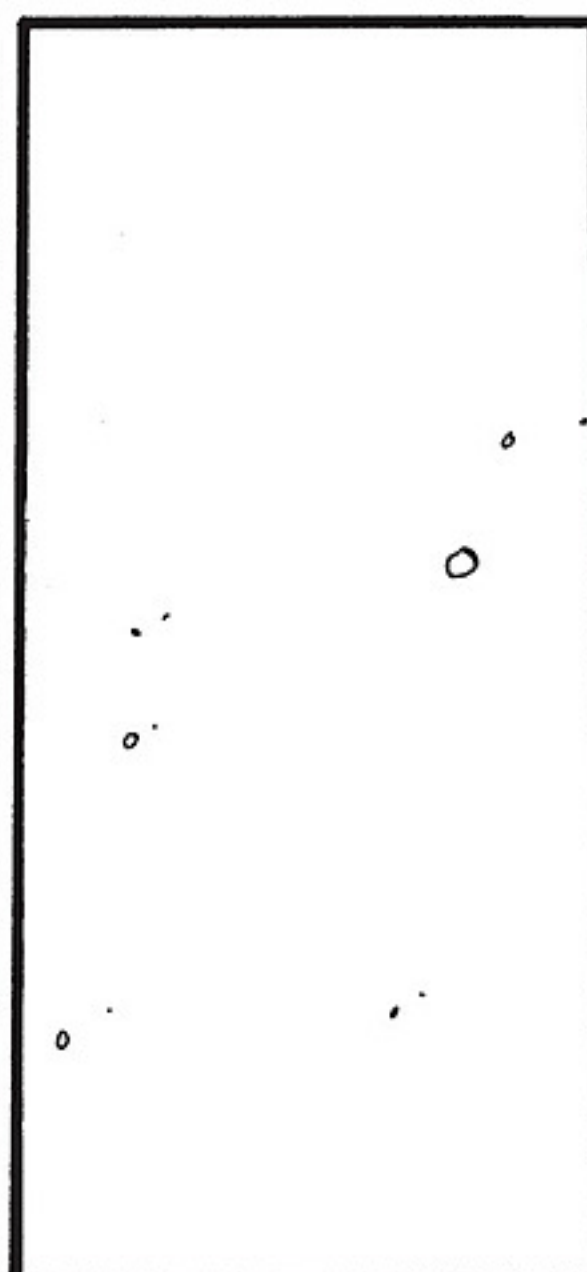
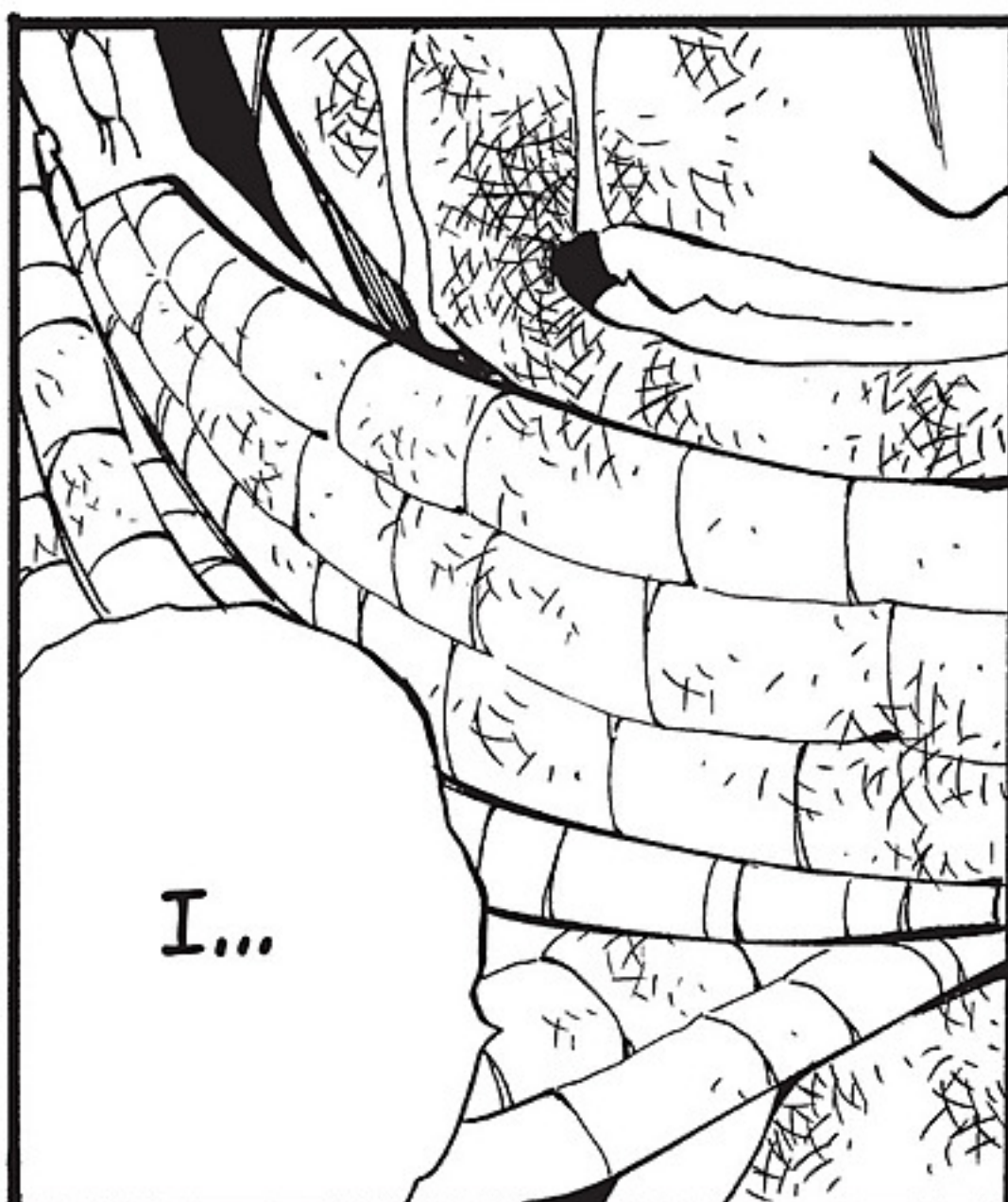
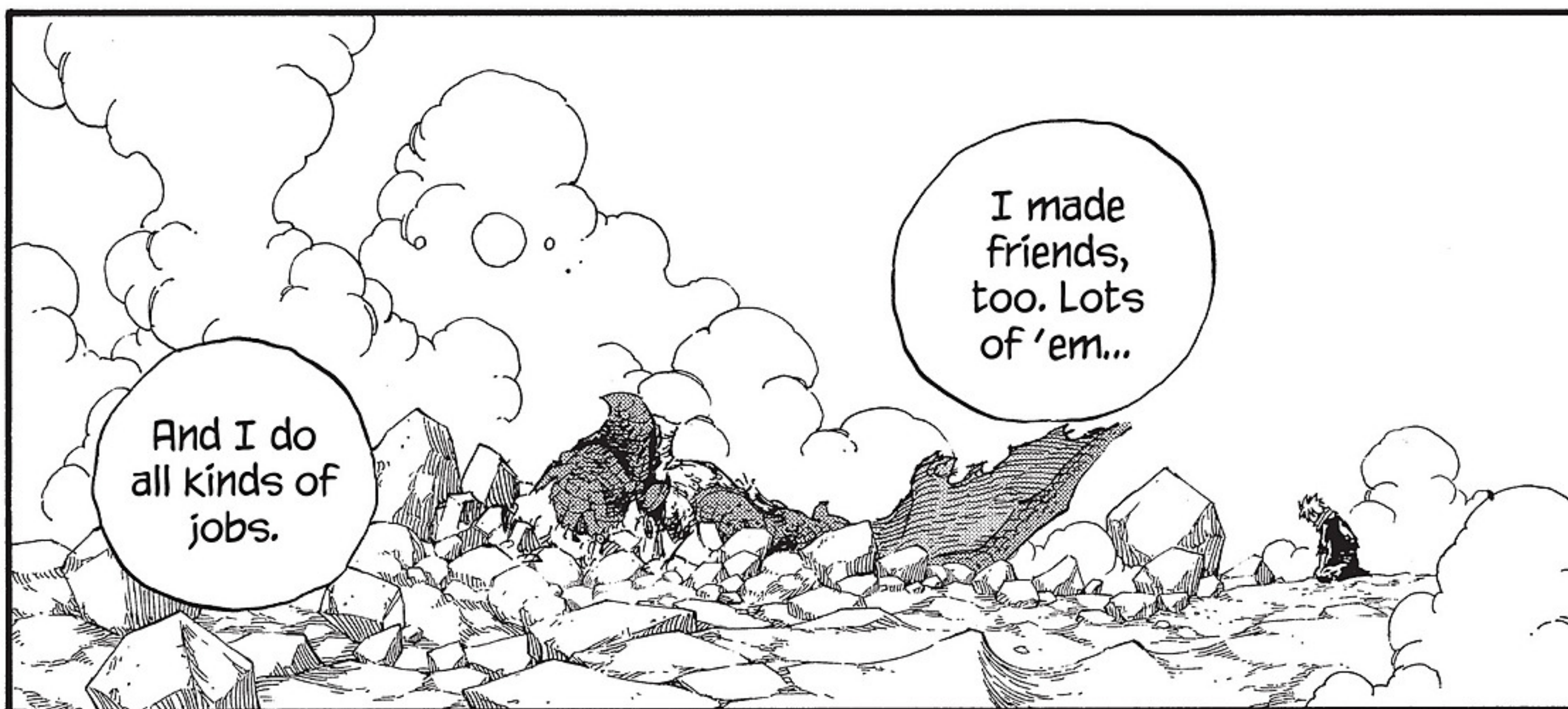
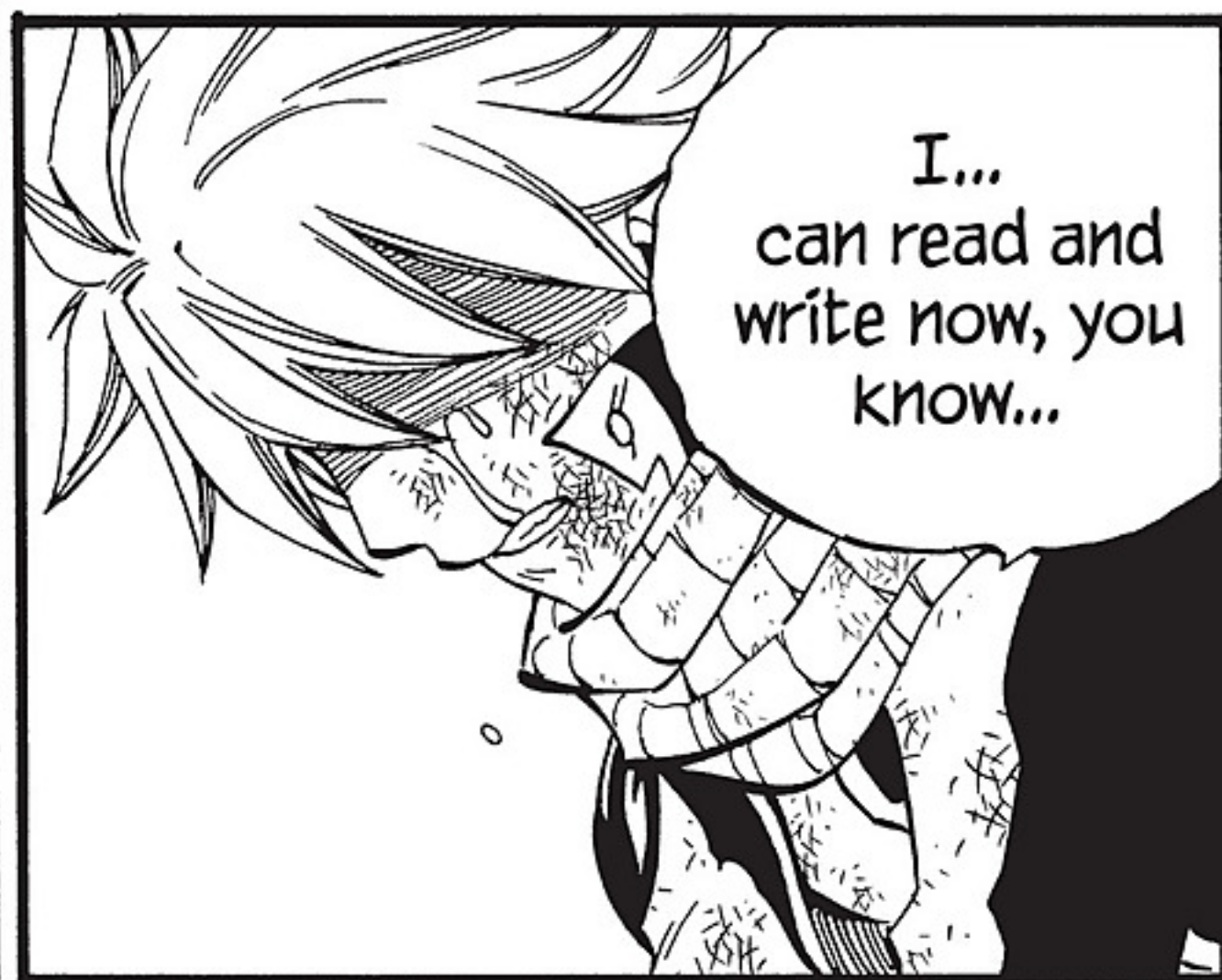
Humans, please do not let this tarnish the majesty of the Fire Dragon King.

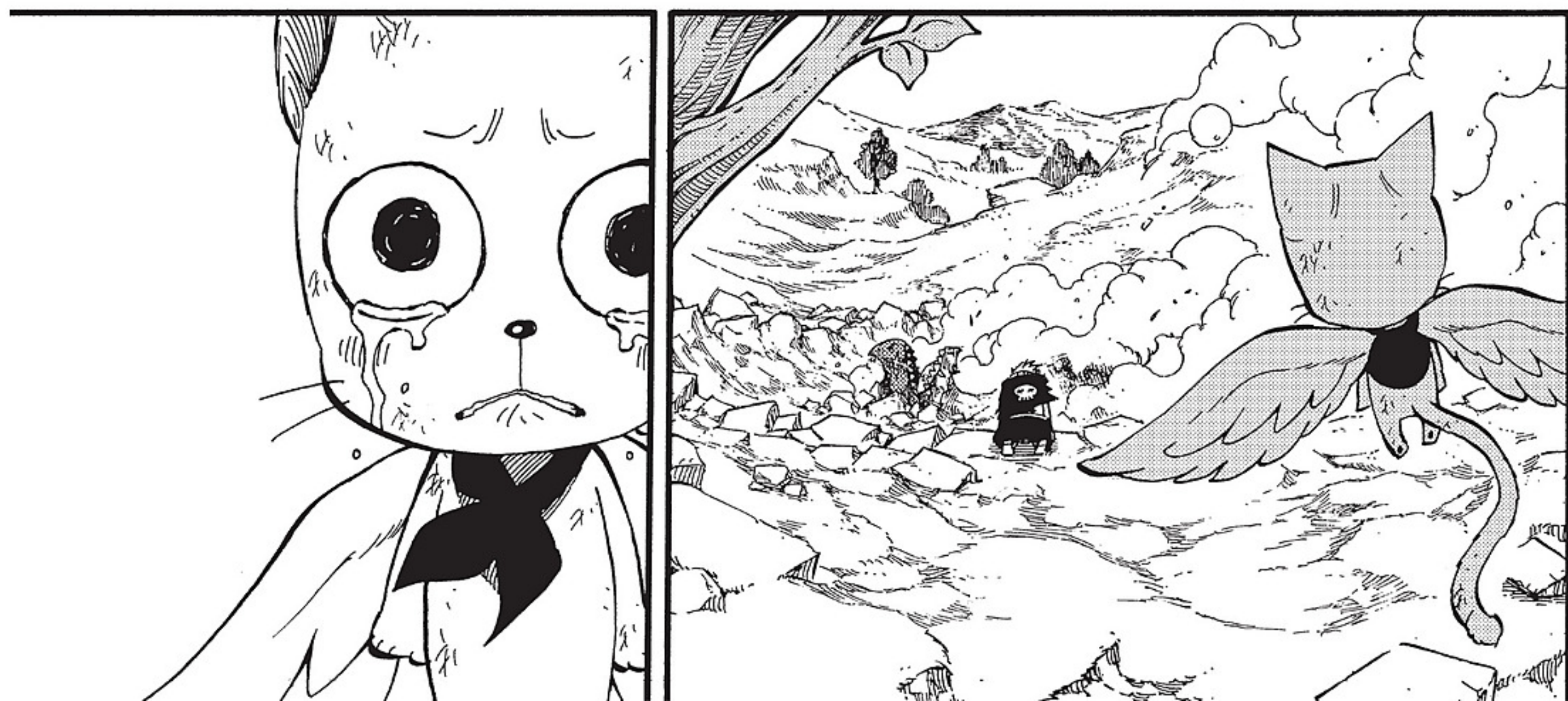
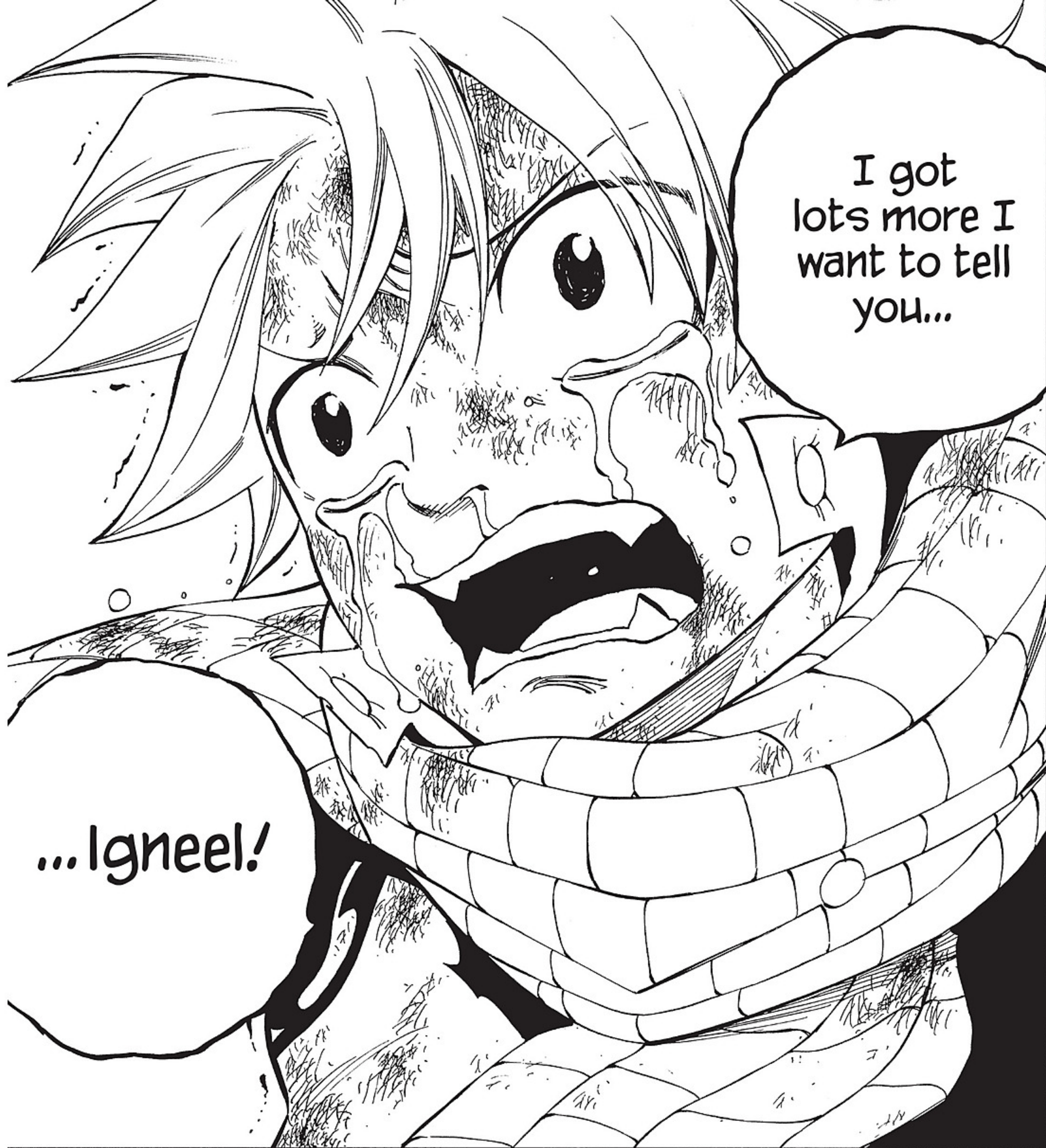
Not even Igneel could defeat Acnologia.

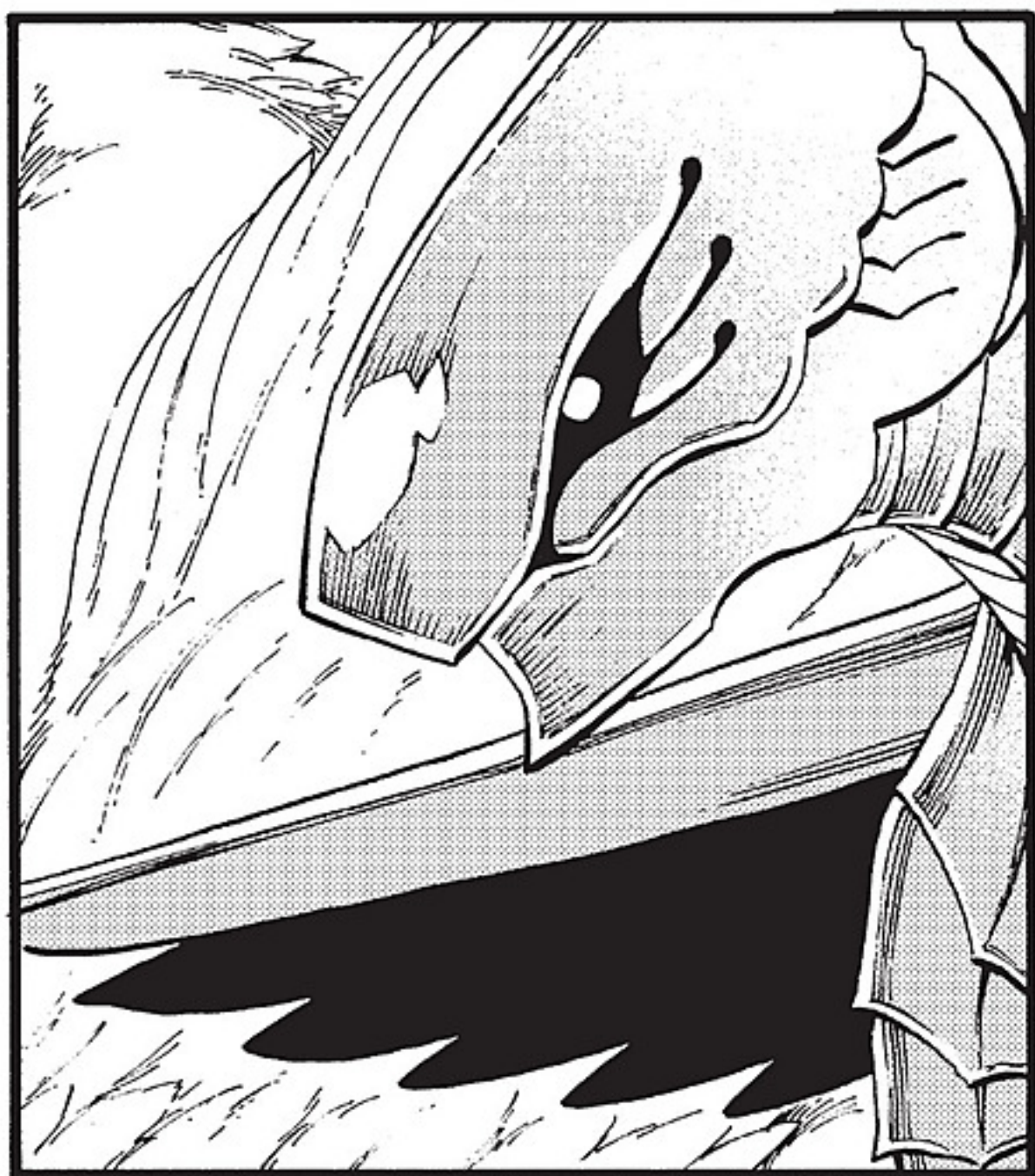
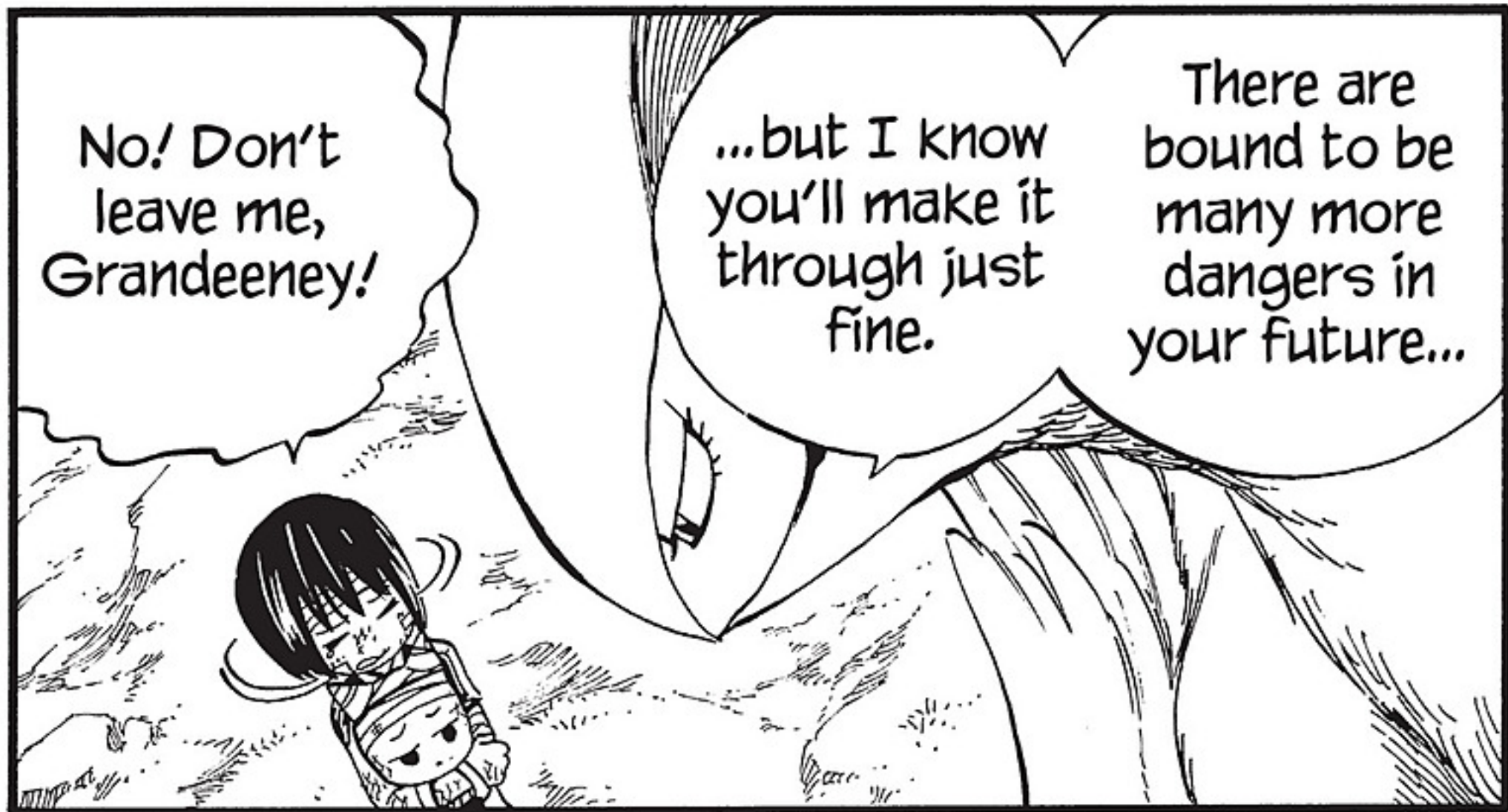
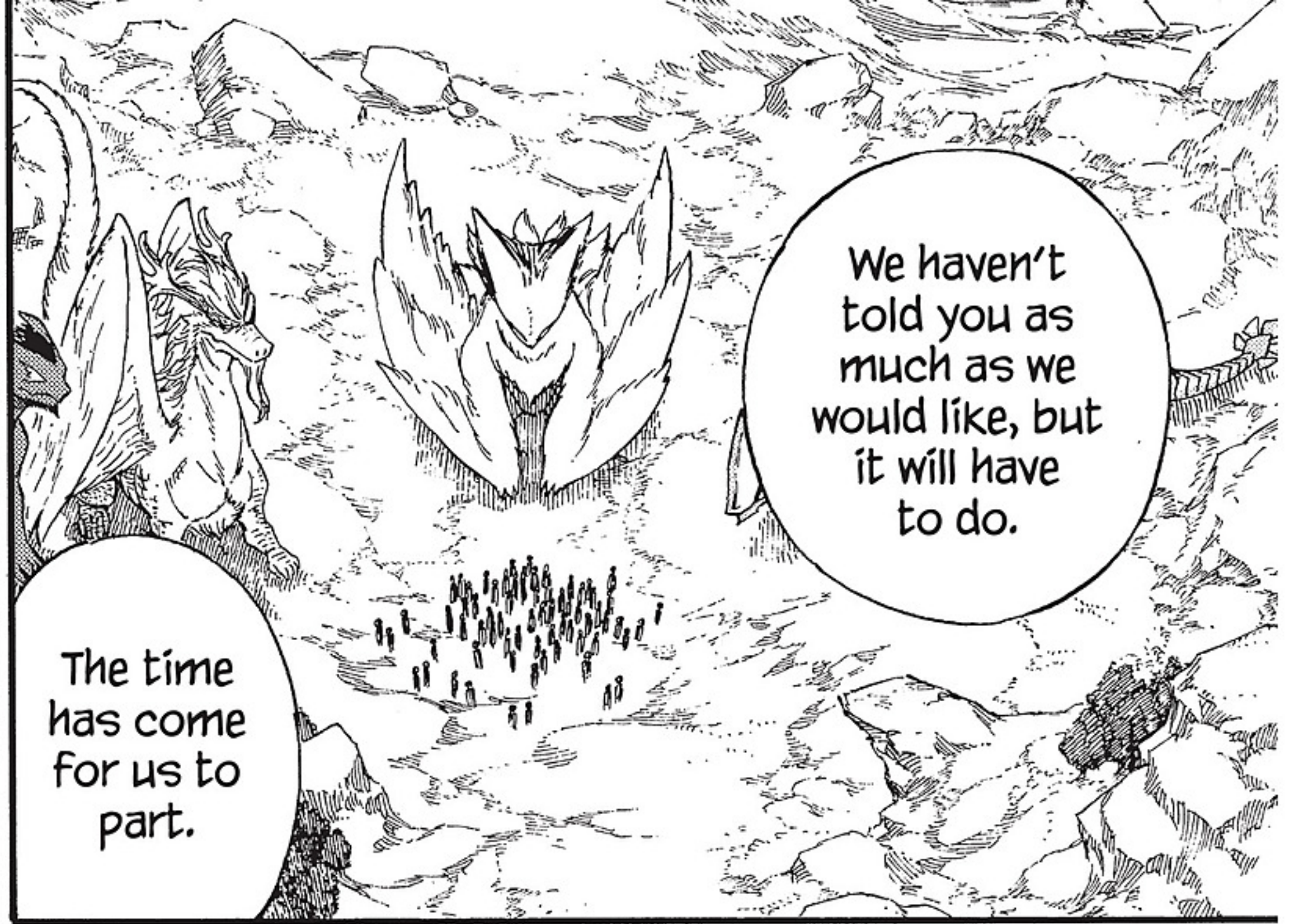
He used the last of his strength to deal him what damage he could.





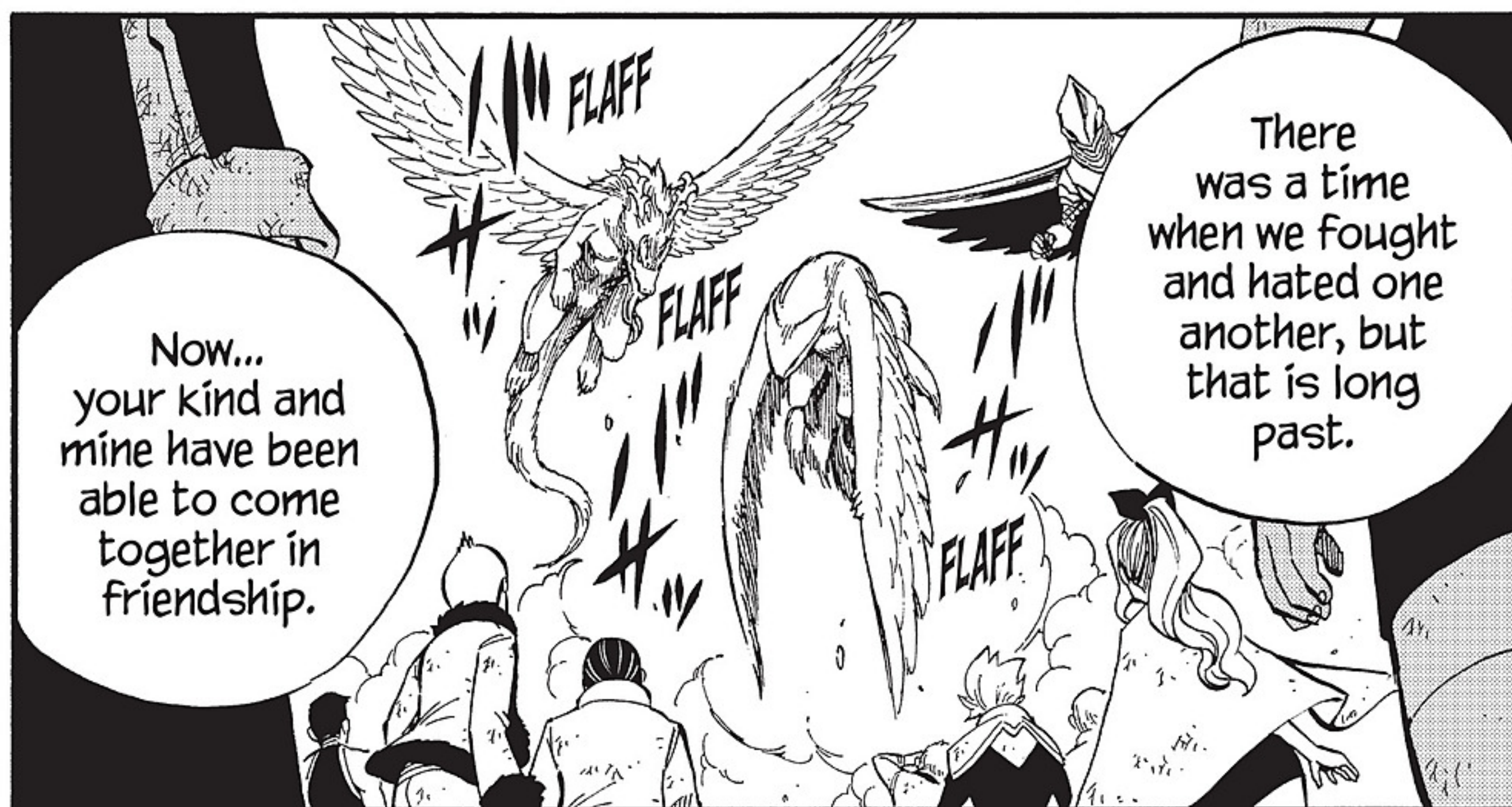








Humans...



From now on,
the future will
be in human
hands.



The world
is now one
step closer
to the end of
the age of
dragons.



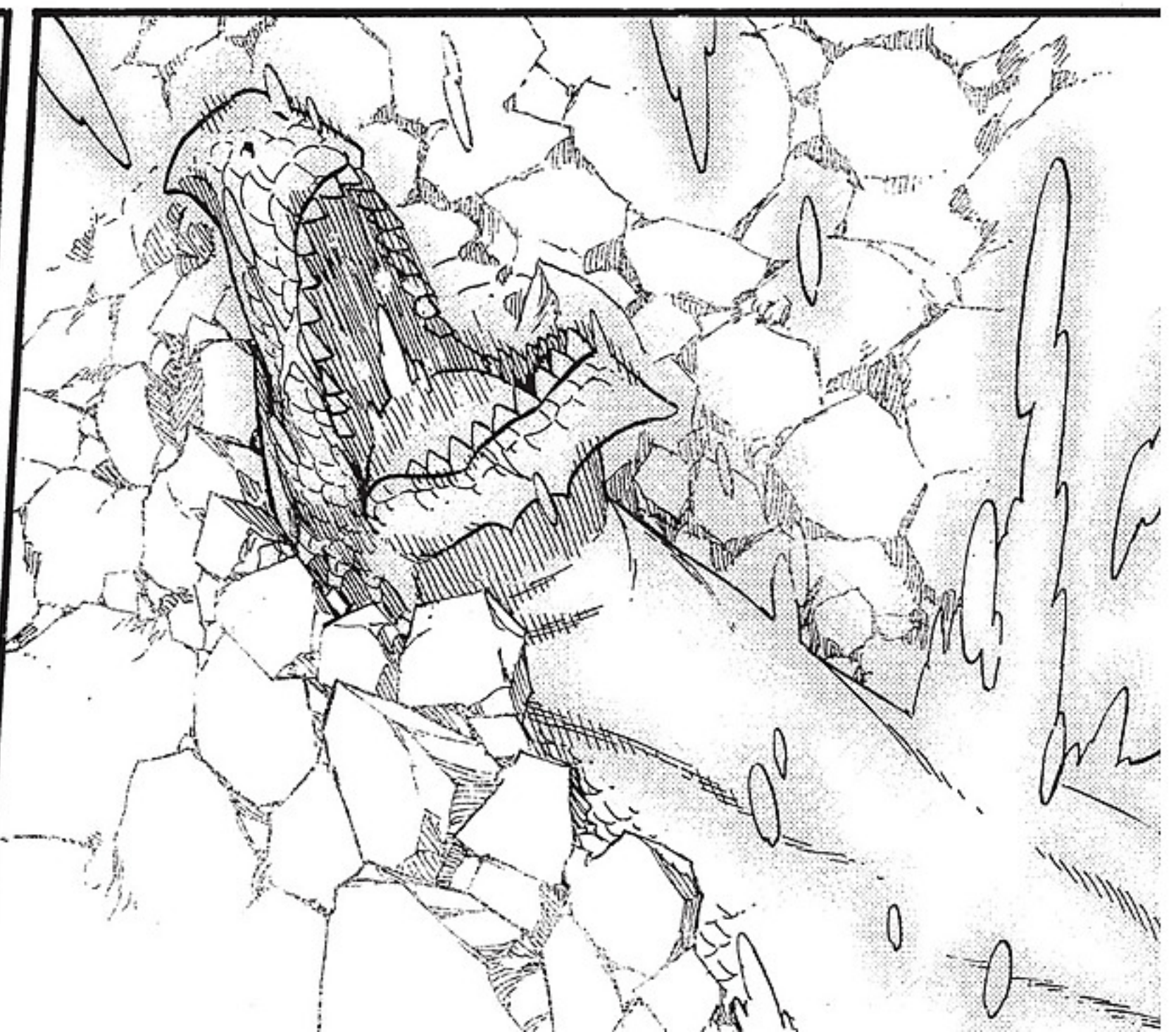
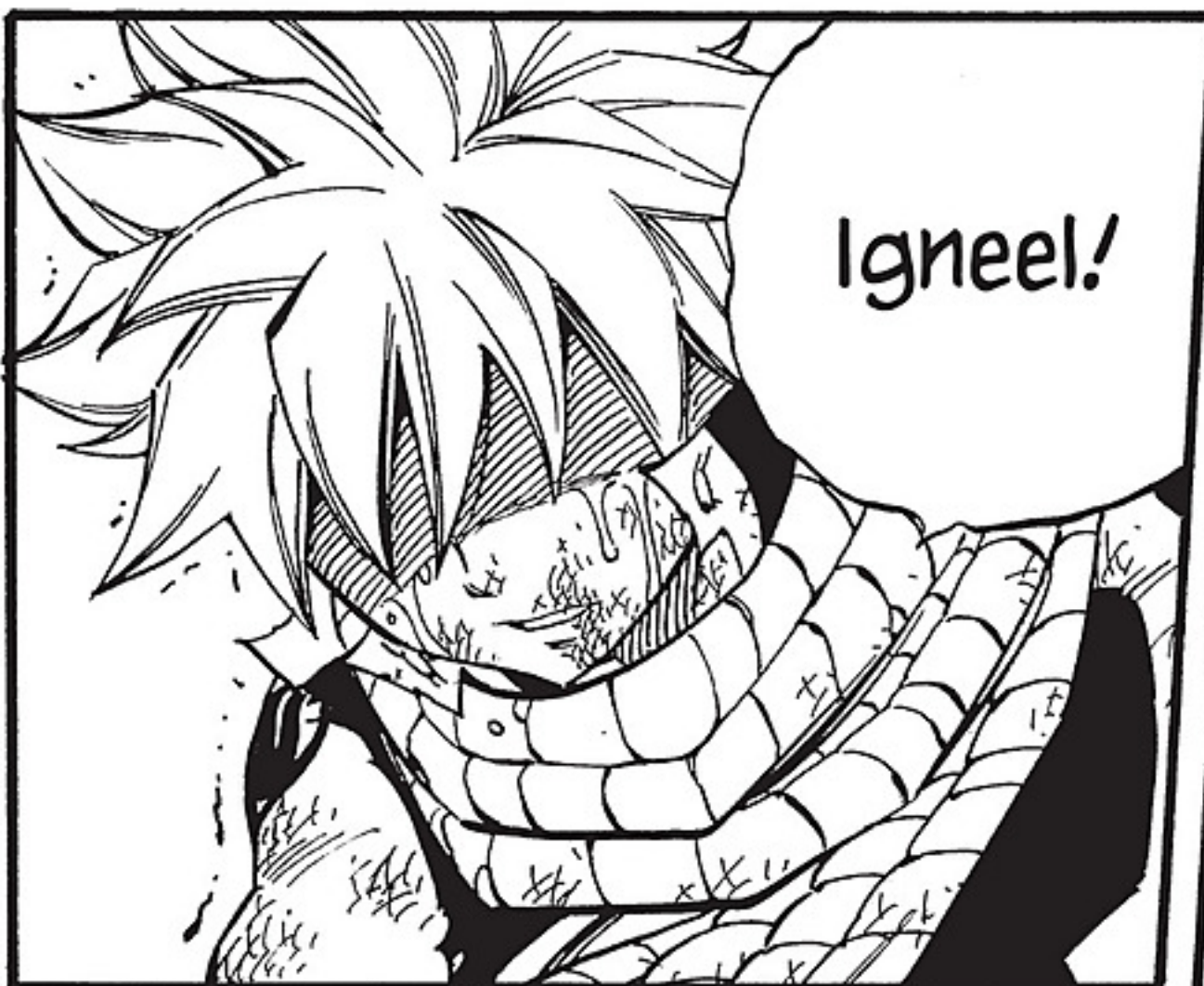
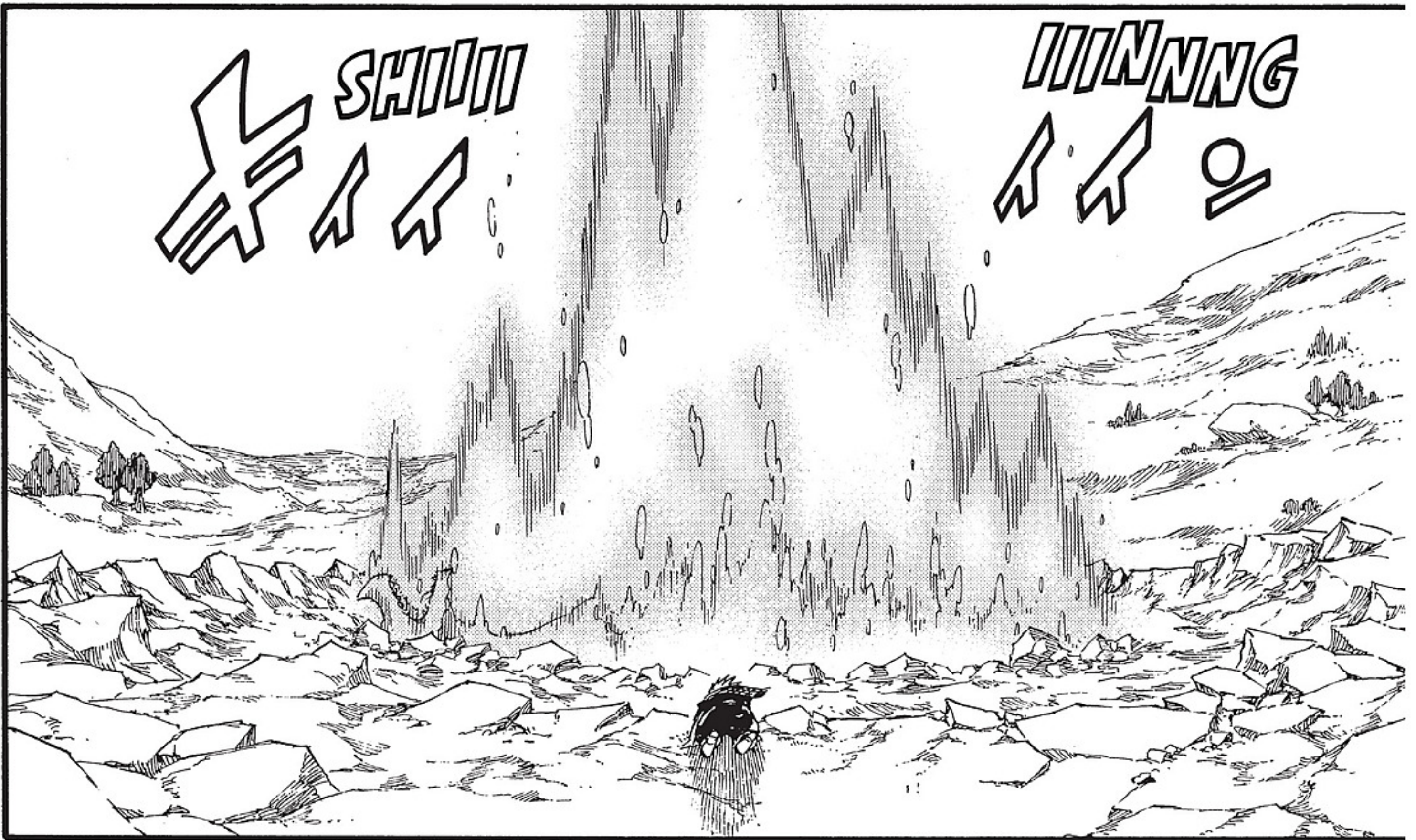
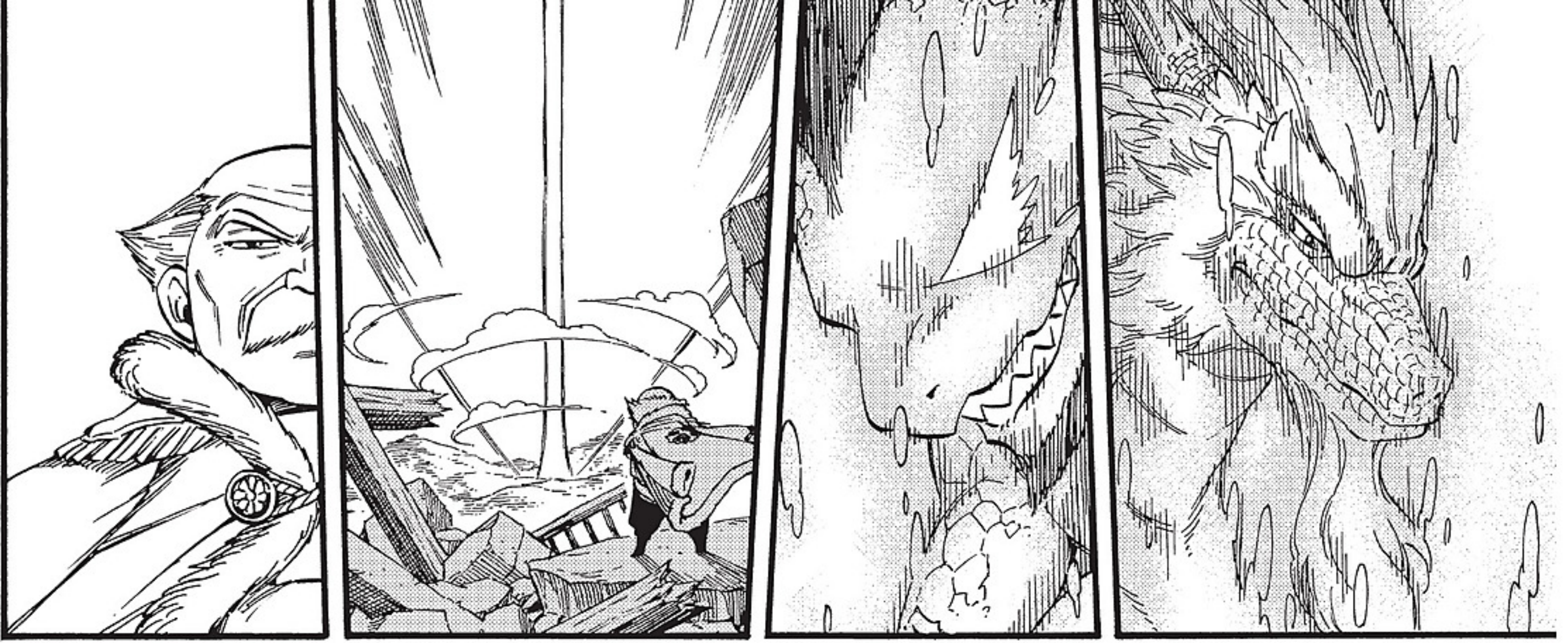
**The
Magna
Carta!**

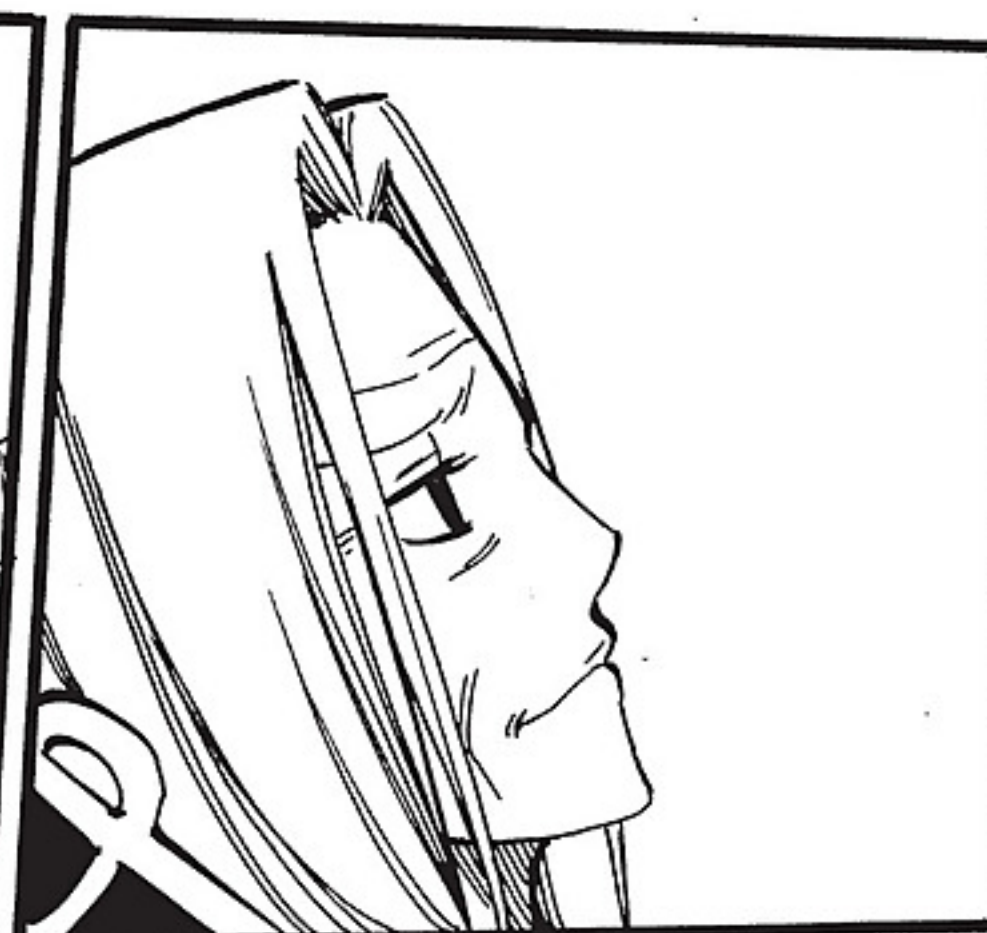
Four hundred
years ago, we
dragons made
a compact with
you humans...

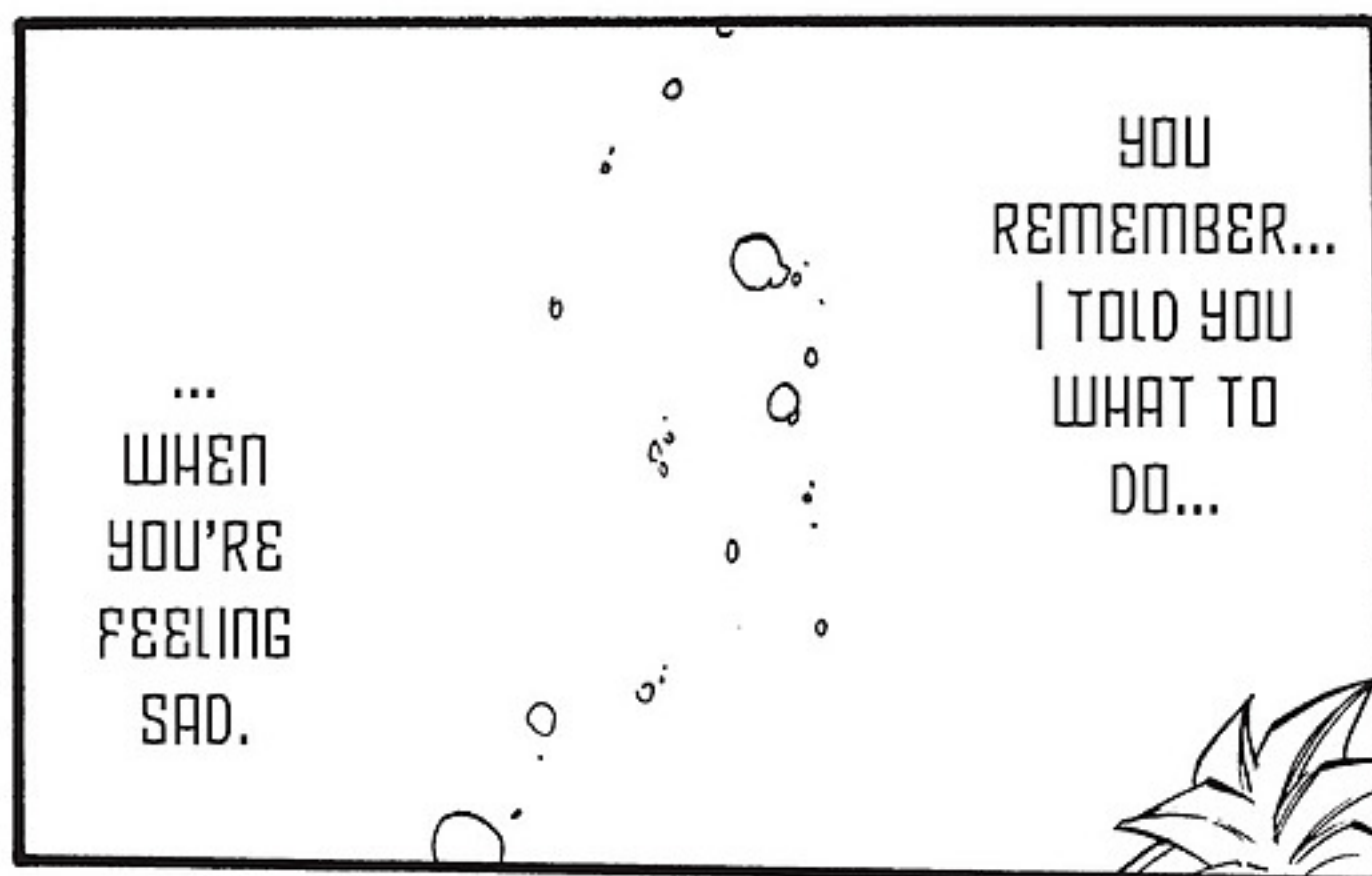


**We dragons
will watch
over you
humans...**

**...
forever-
more!!!**

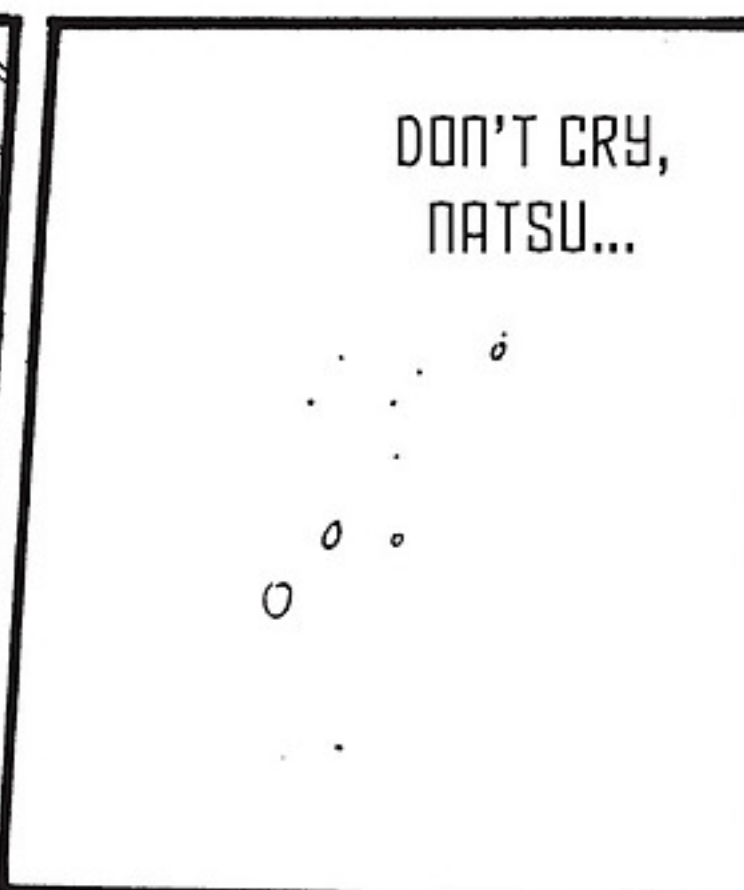






...
WHEN
YOU'RE
FEELING
SAD.

YOU
REMEMBER...
I TOLD YOU
WHAT TO
DO...

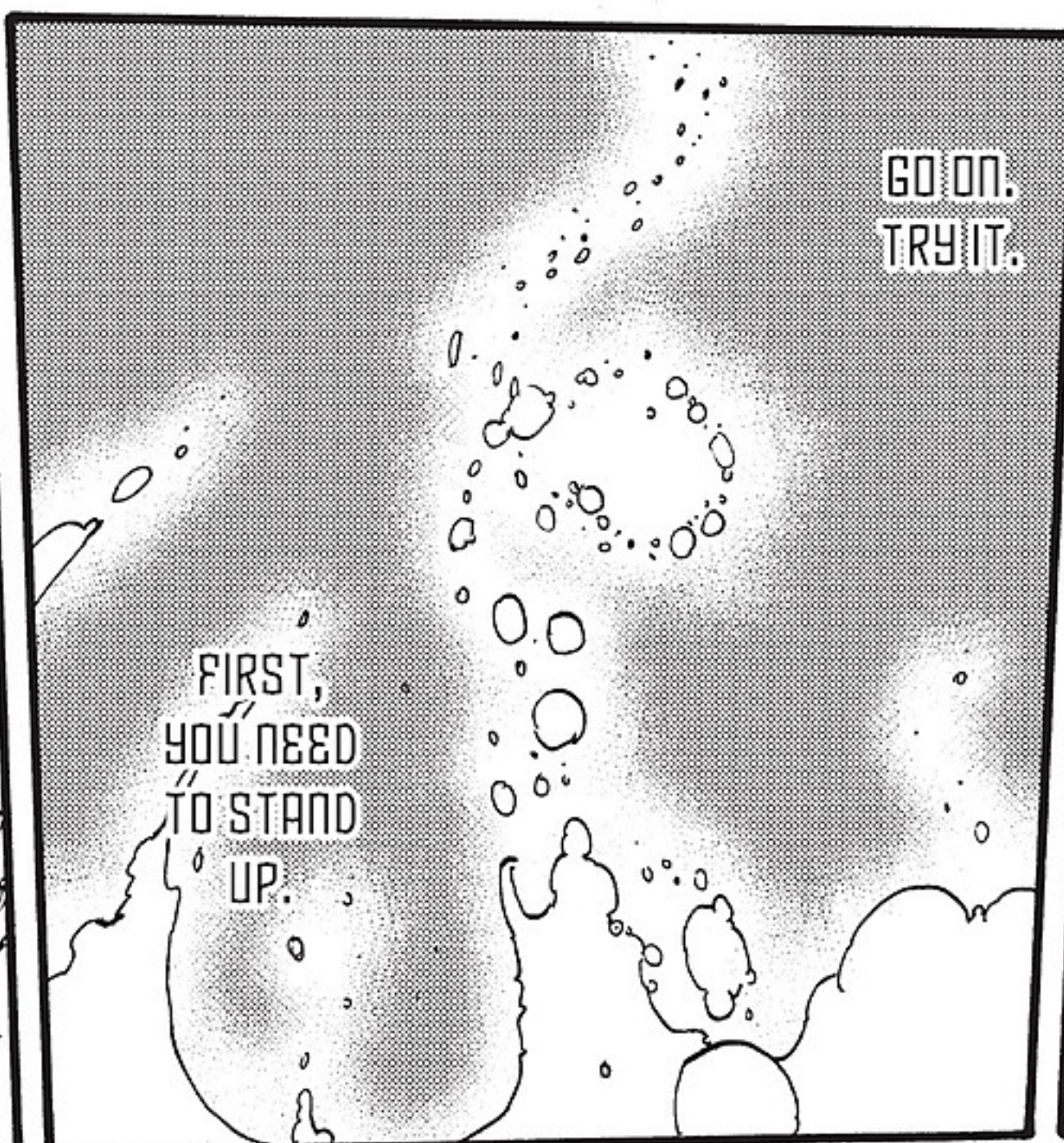


DON'T CRY,
NATSU...



SHFF.
すん

Okay.



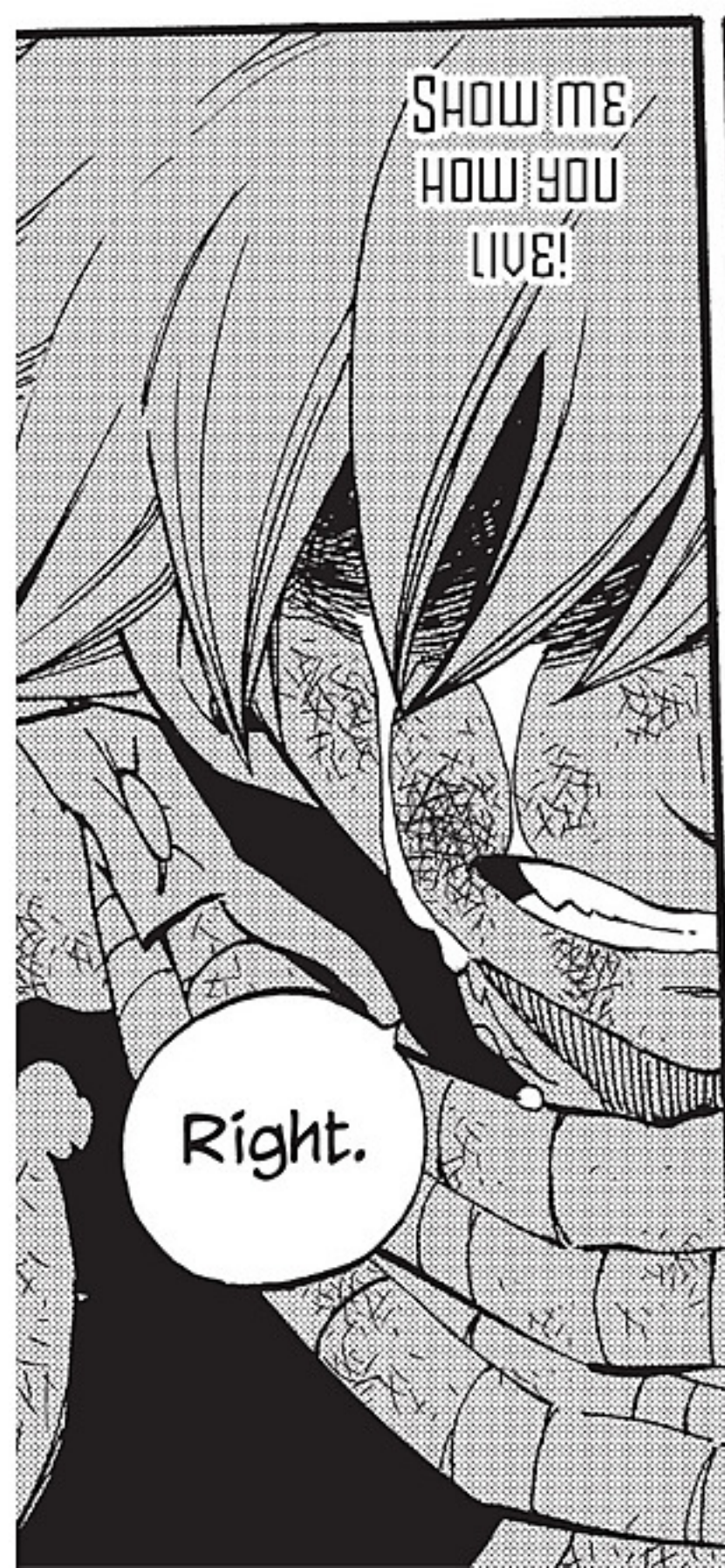
GO ON.
TRY IT.

FIRST,
YOU NEED
TO STAND
UP.



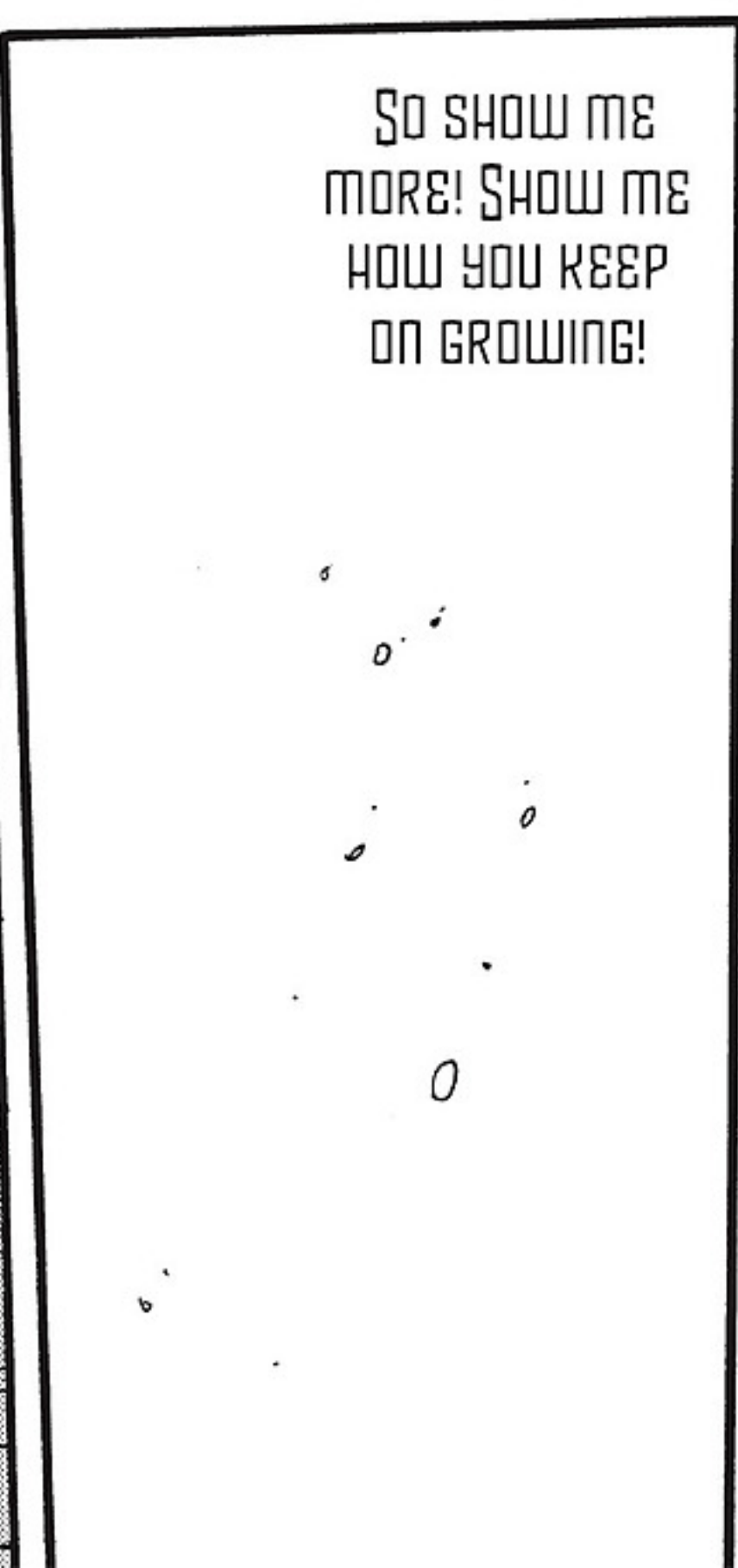
Yeah...

I
KNOW.



SHOW ME
HOW YOU
LIVE!

Right.



SO SHOW ME
MORE! SHOW ME
HOW YOU KEEP
ON GROWING!



I AM
ALWAYS
WITH
YOU.

I ALWAYS
HAVE
BEEN, AND
I ALWAYS
WILL BE.



**I'm
gonna
live a lot
more!!!!**

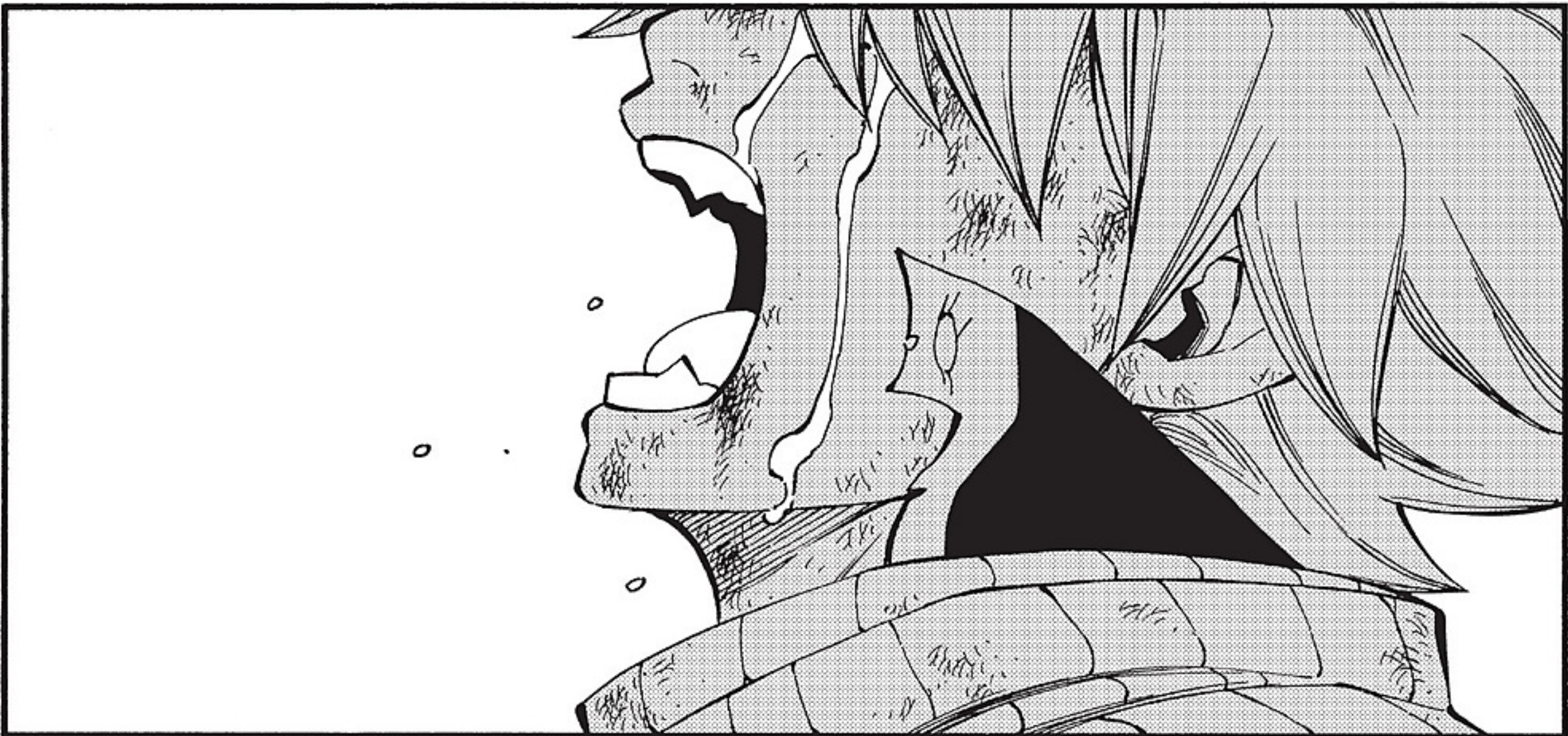
**And I'm
gonna take
Acnologia
down!!!!**

**I'm
gonna
get loads
stronger
!!!!**



YES!

LOOK TO THE
FUTURE!

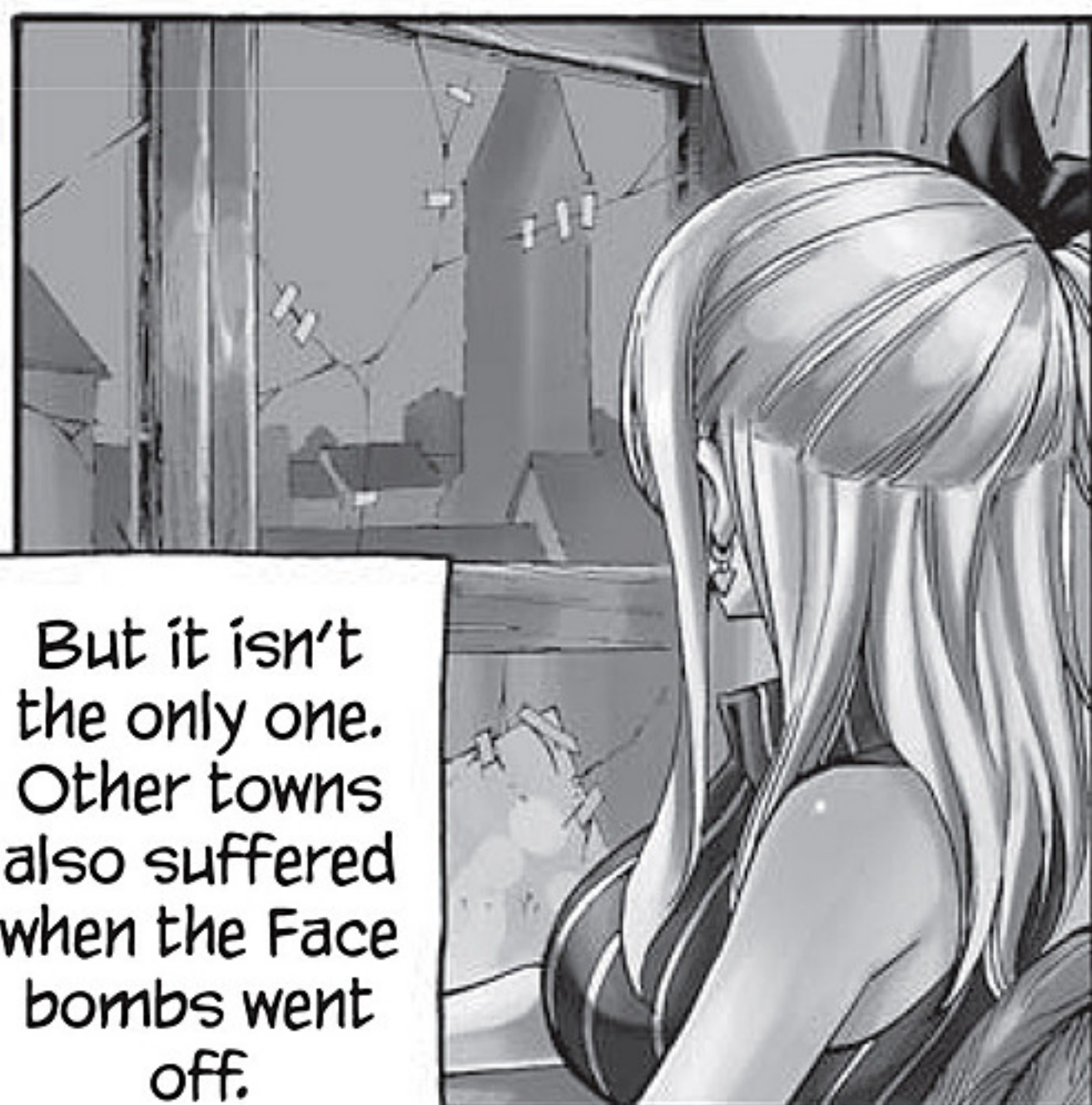


THAT IS THE
POWER OF LIFE!

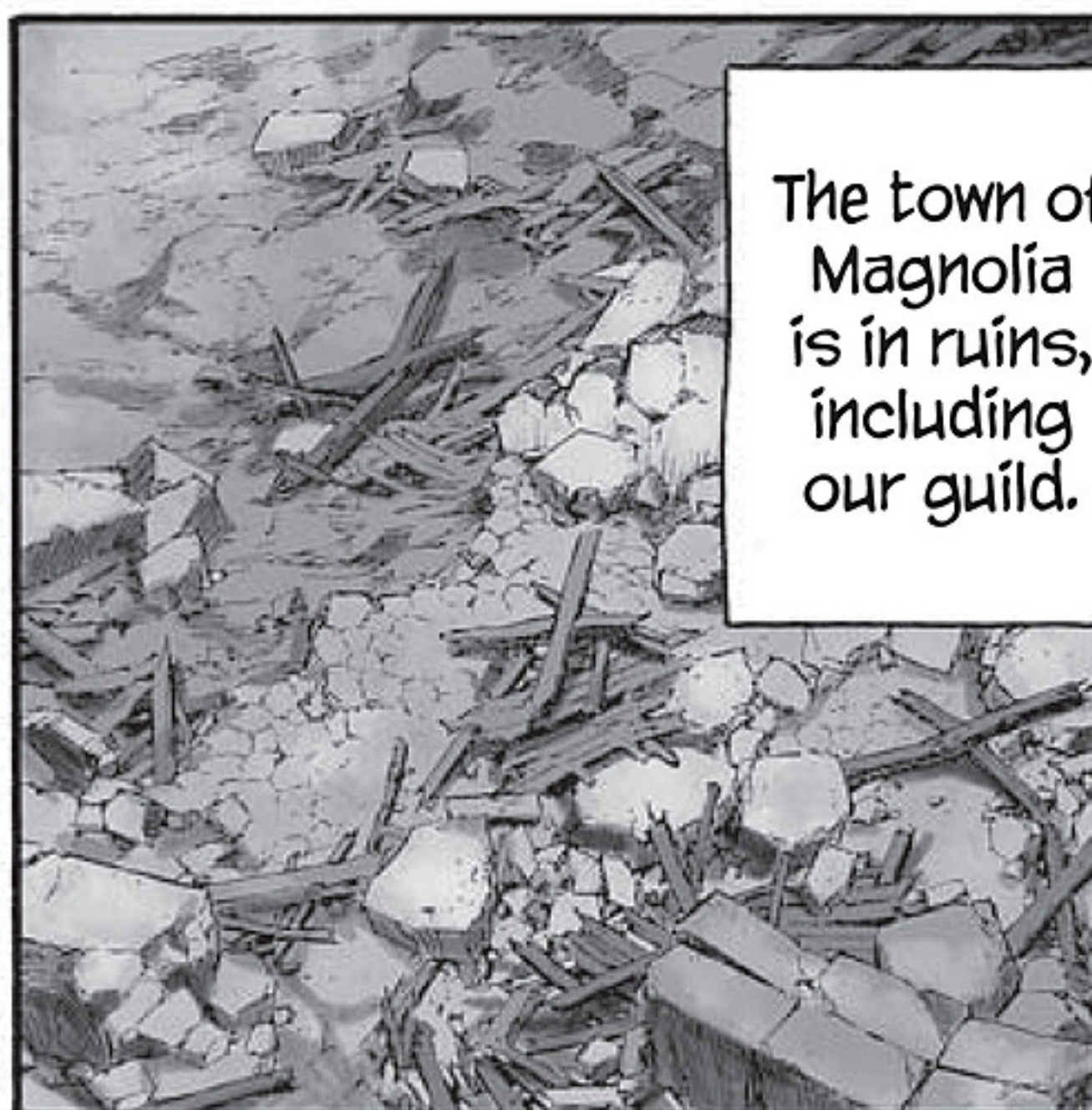


It's been
a week...

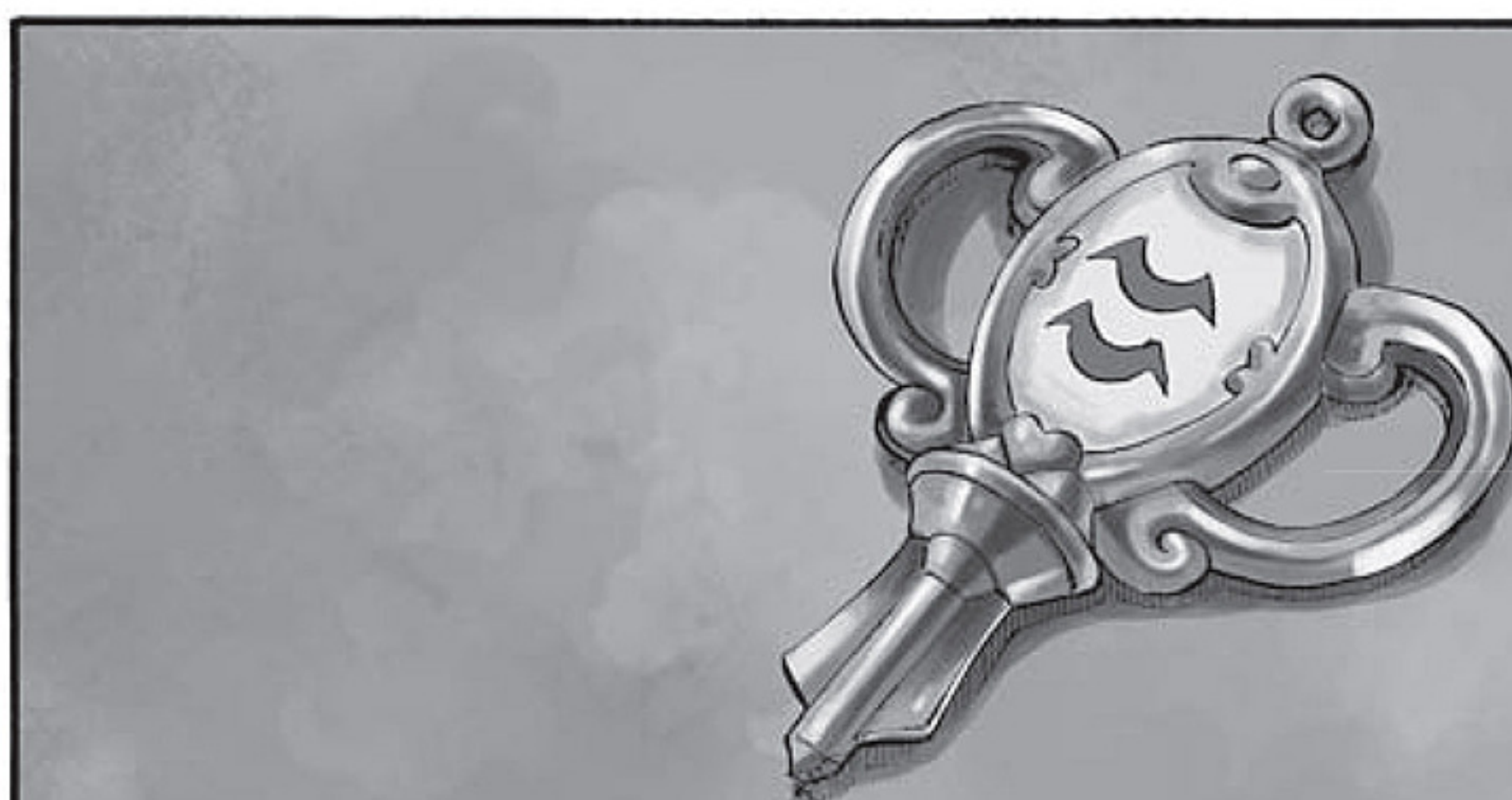
...and we're
still nursing
the raw
wounds from
our battle
with Tartaros.



But it isn't
the only one.
Other towns
also suffered
when the Face
bombs went
off.



The town of
Magnolia
is in ruins,
including
our guild.

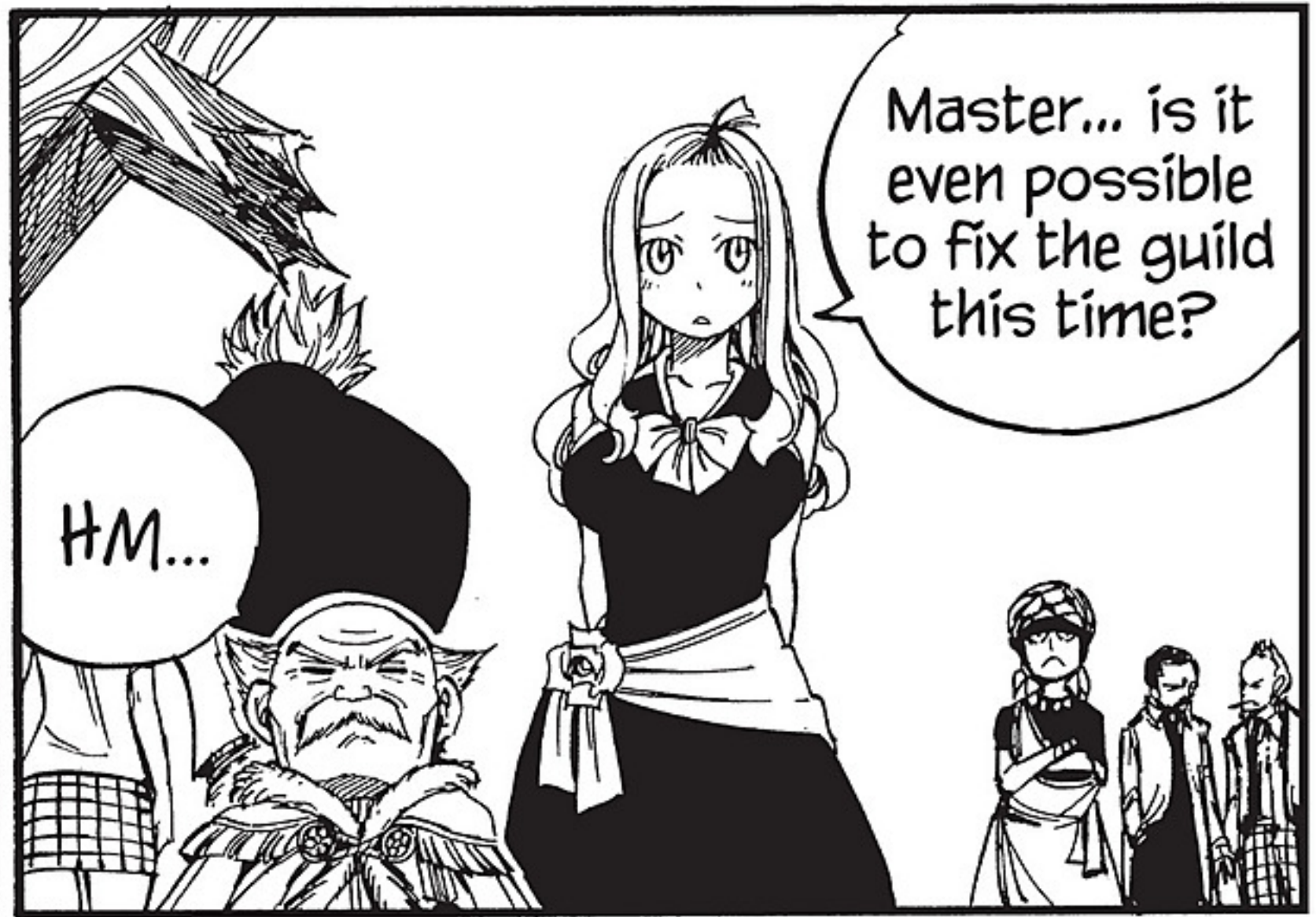
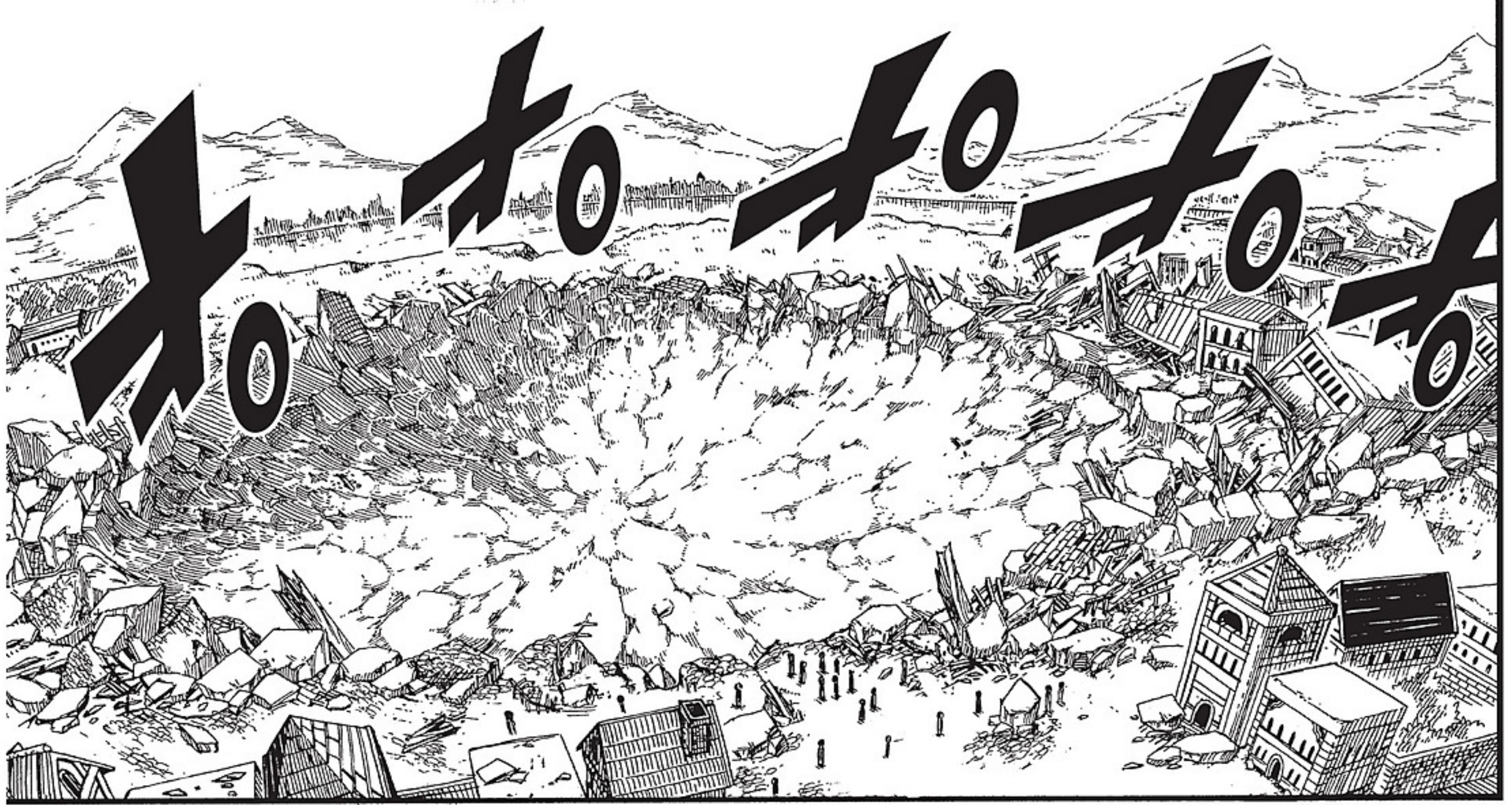


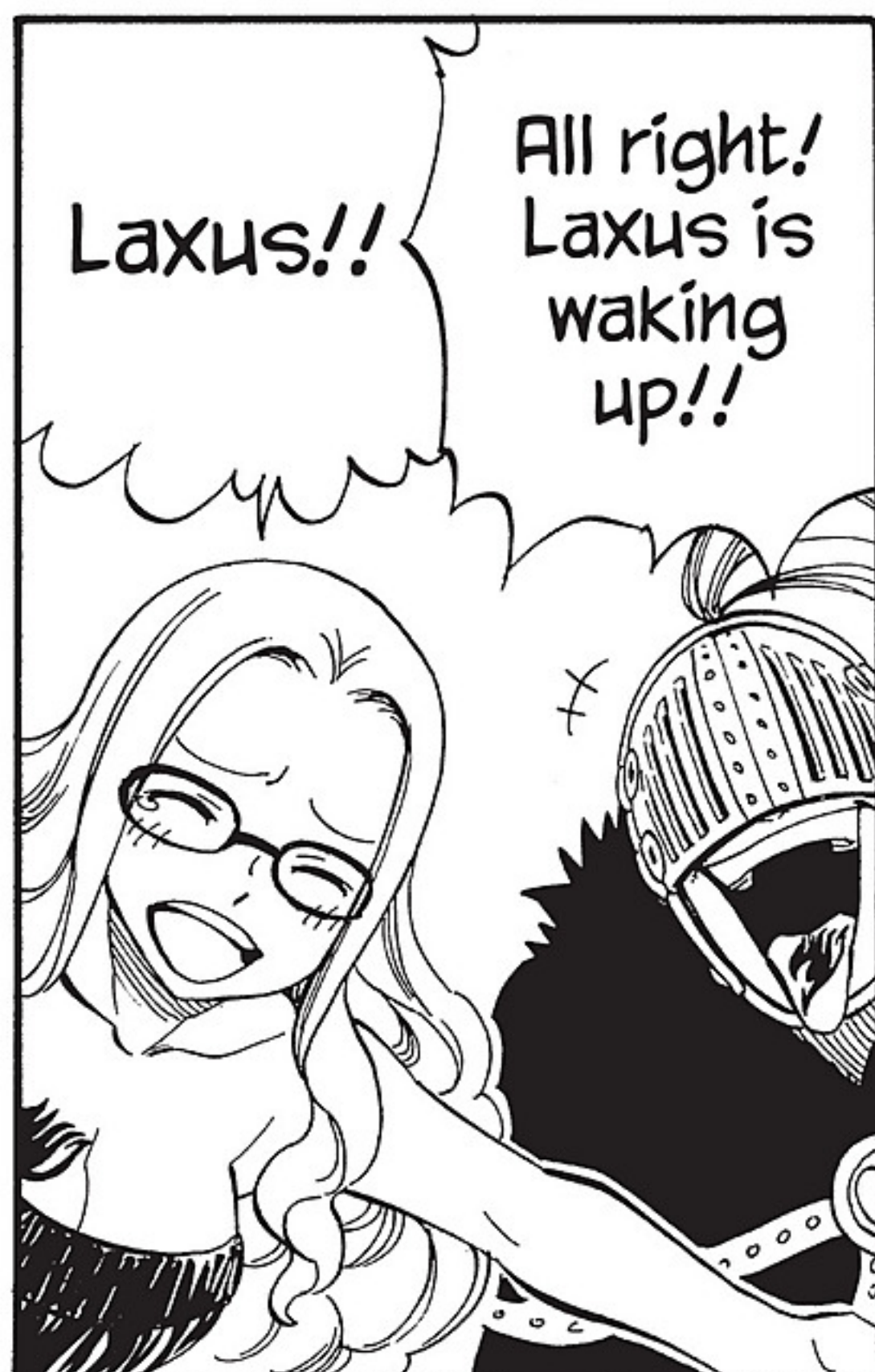
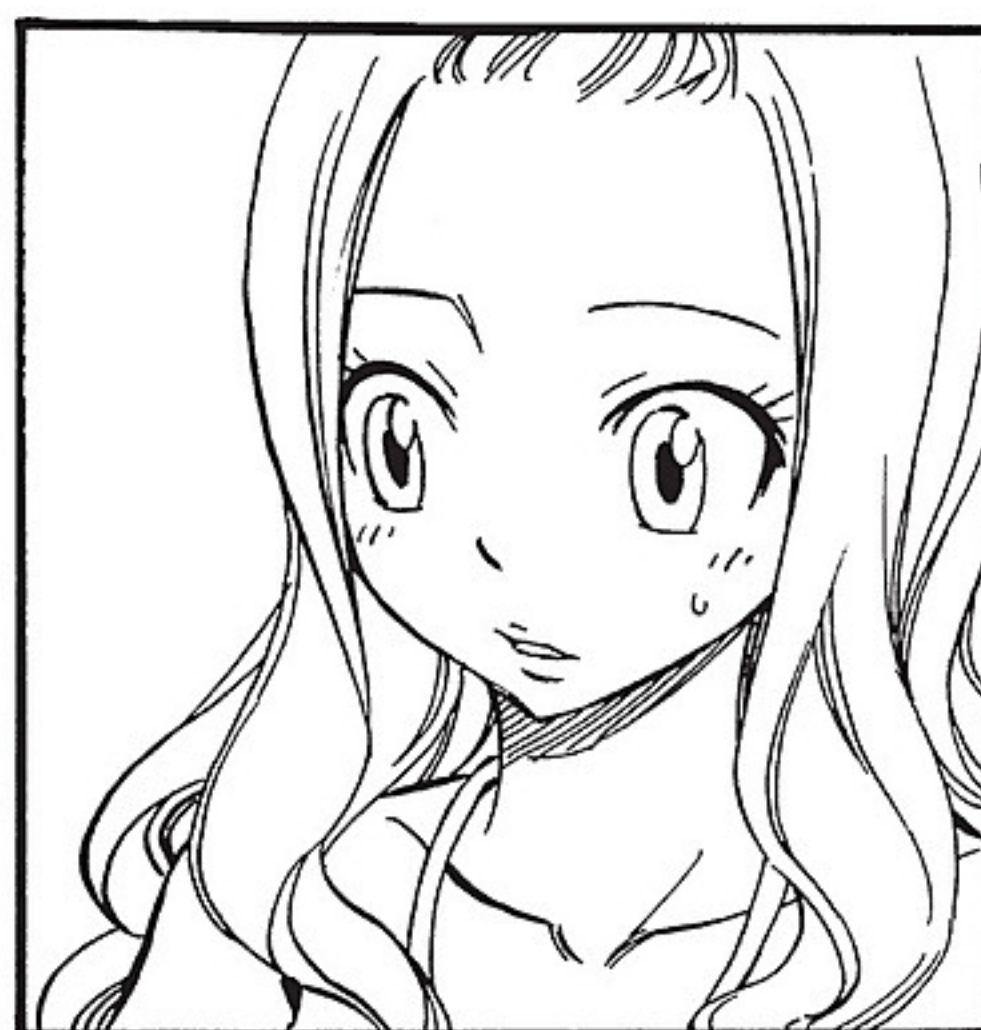
And not
all of our
wounds
are on the
outside...

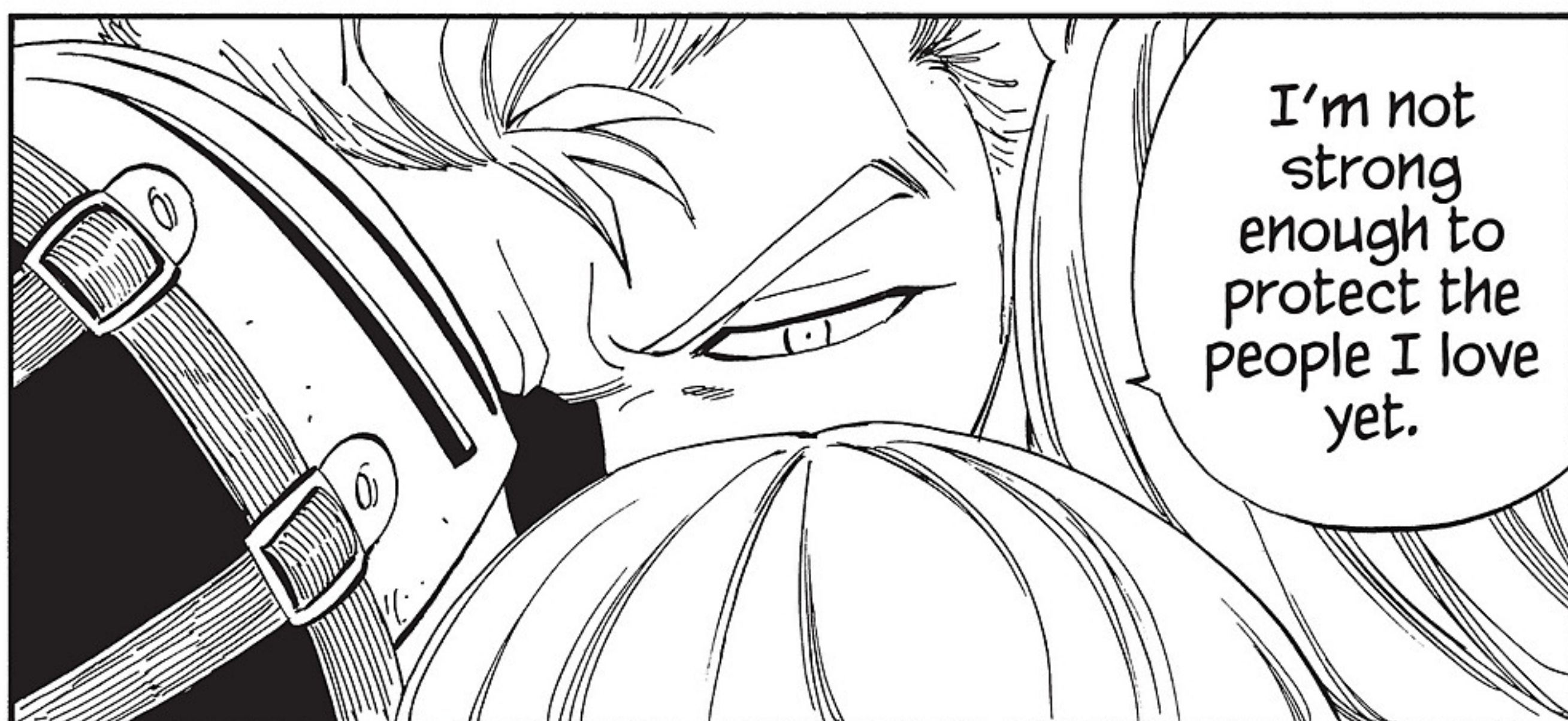
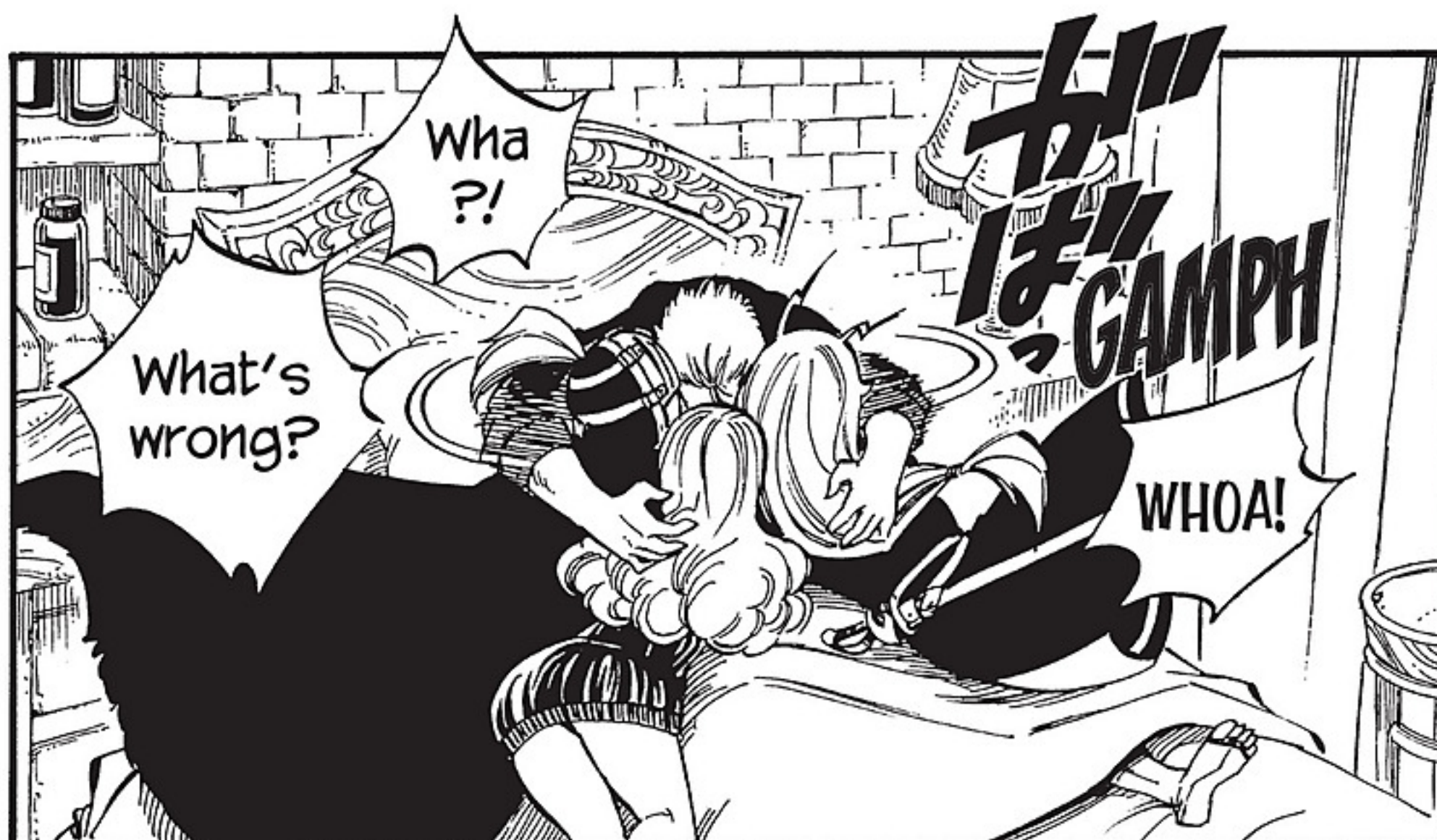
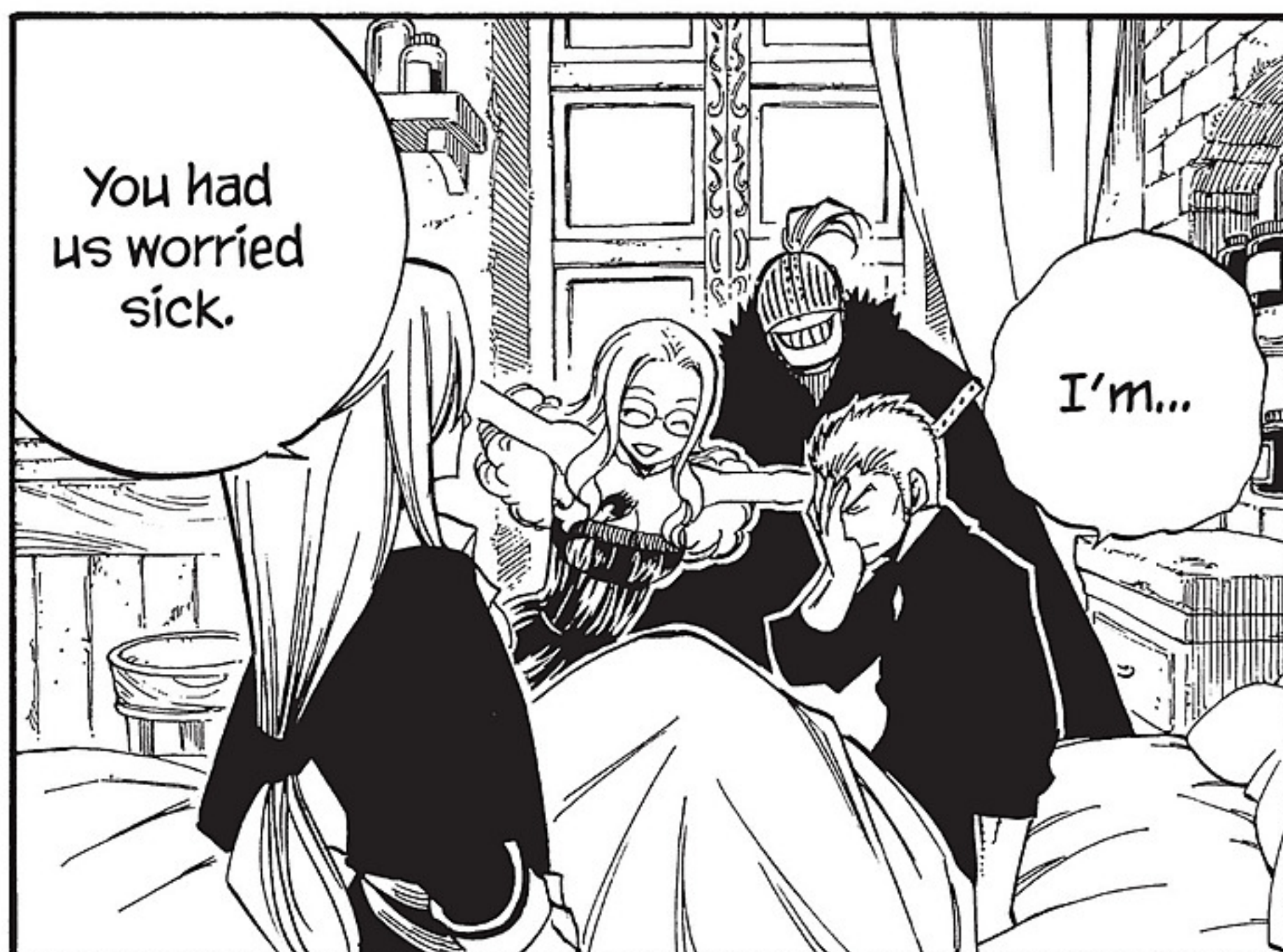


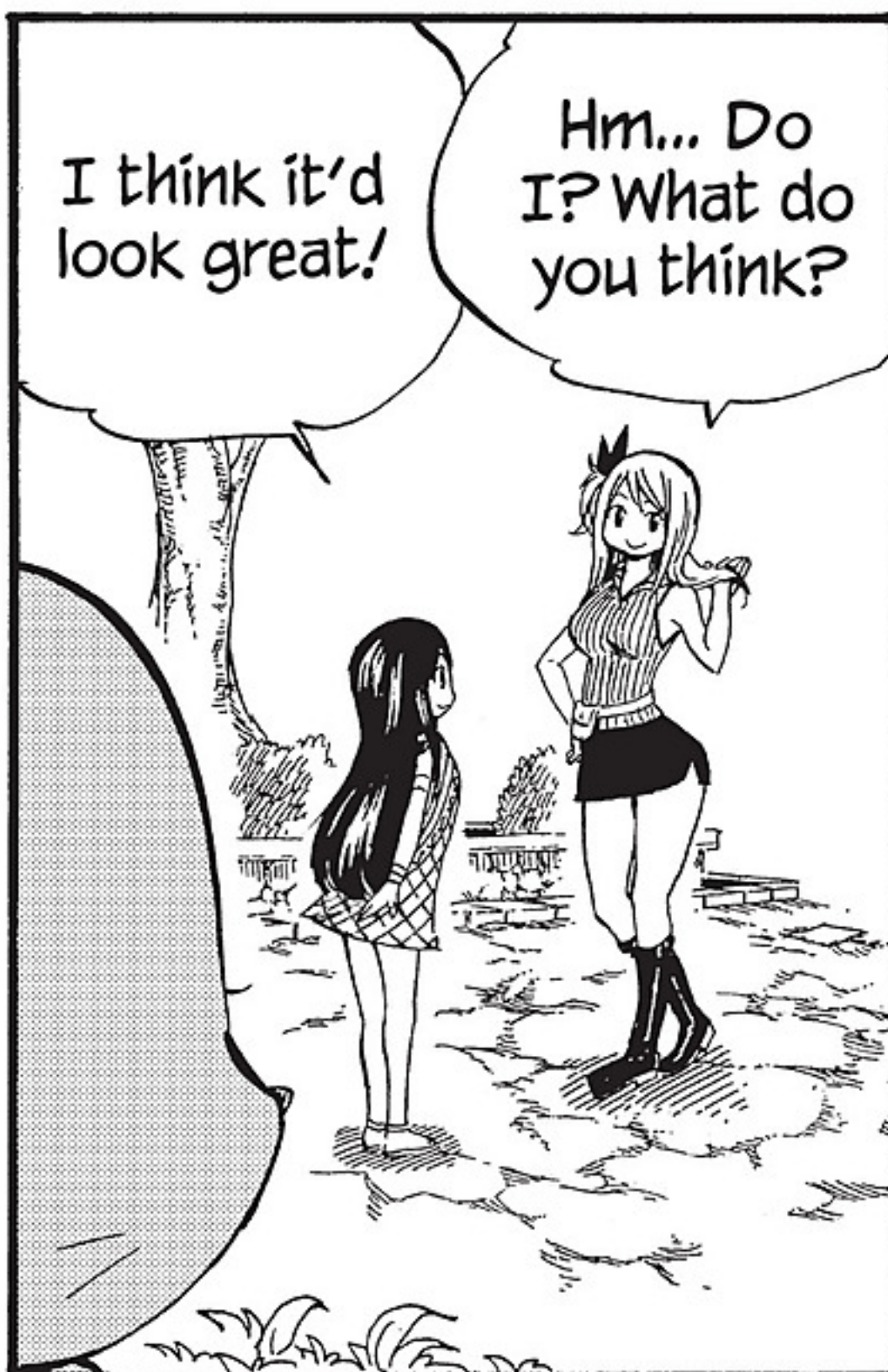
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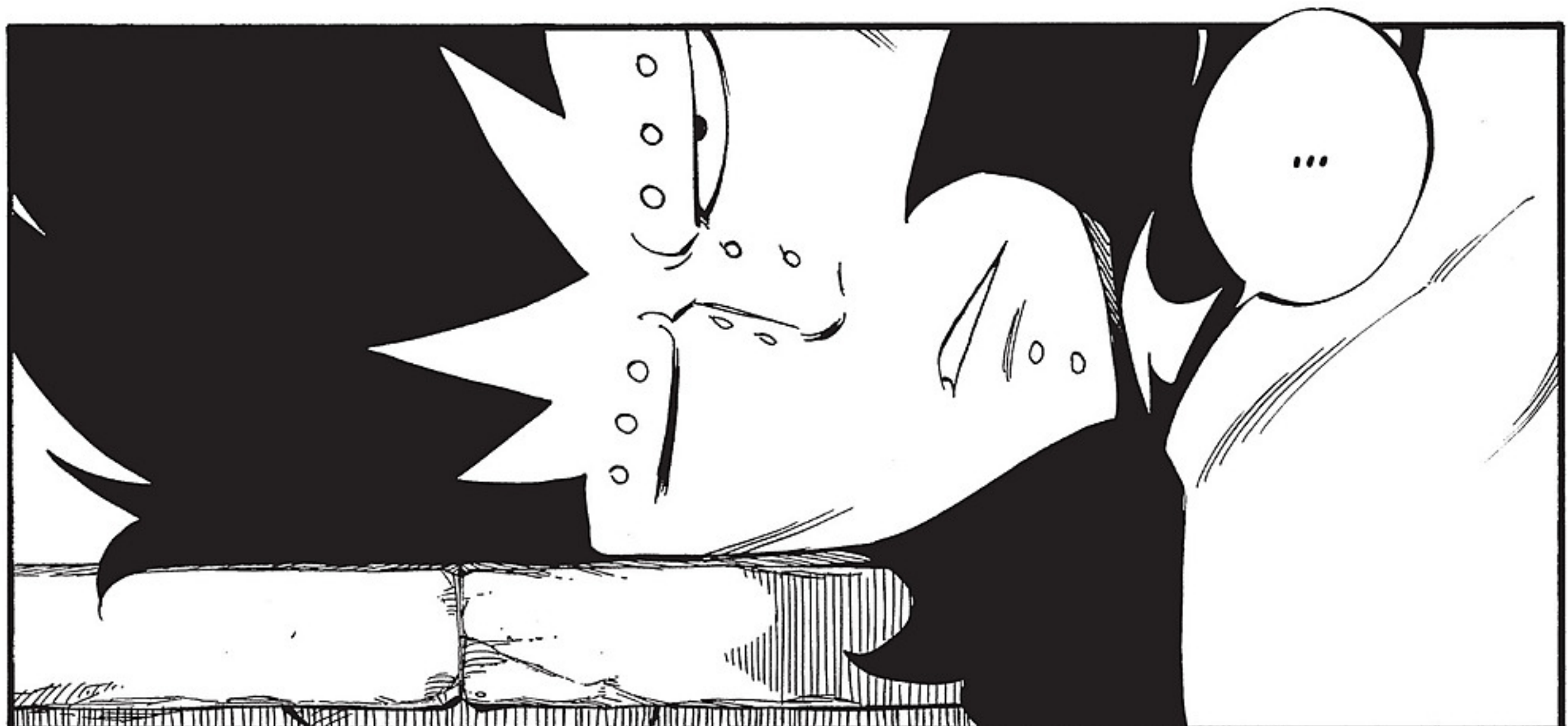
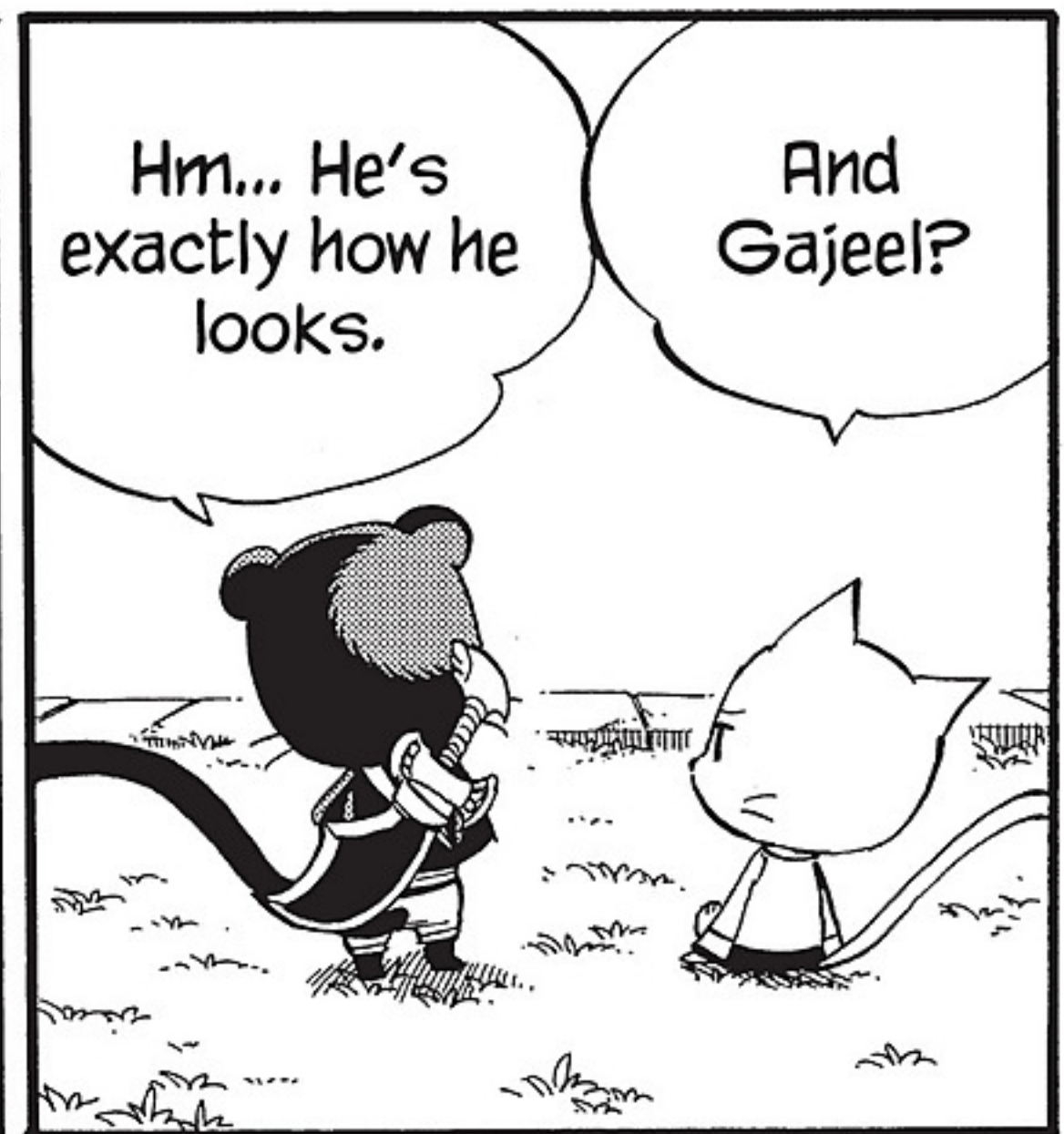
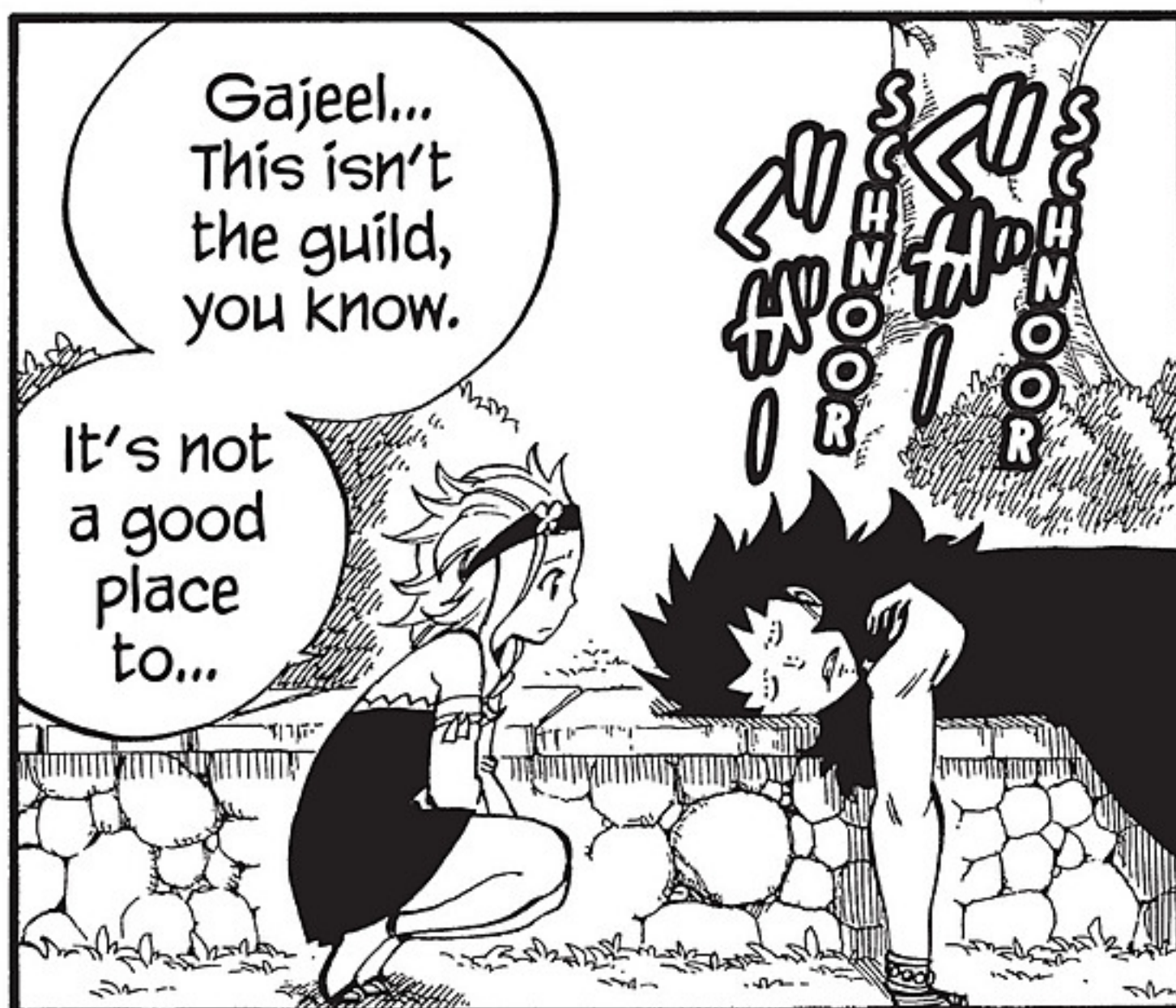
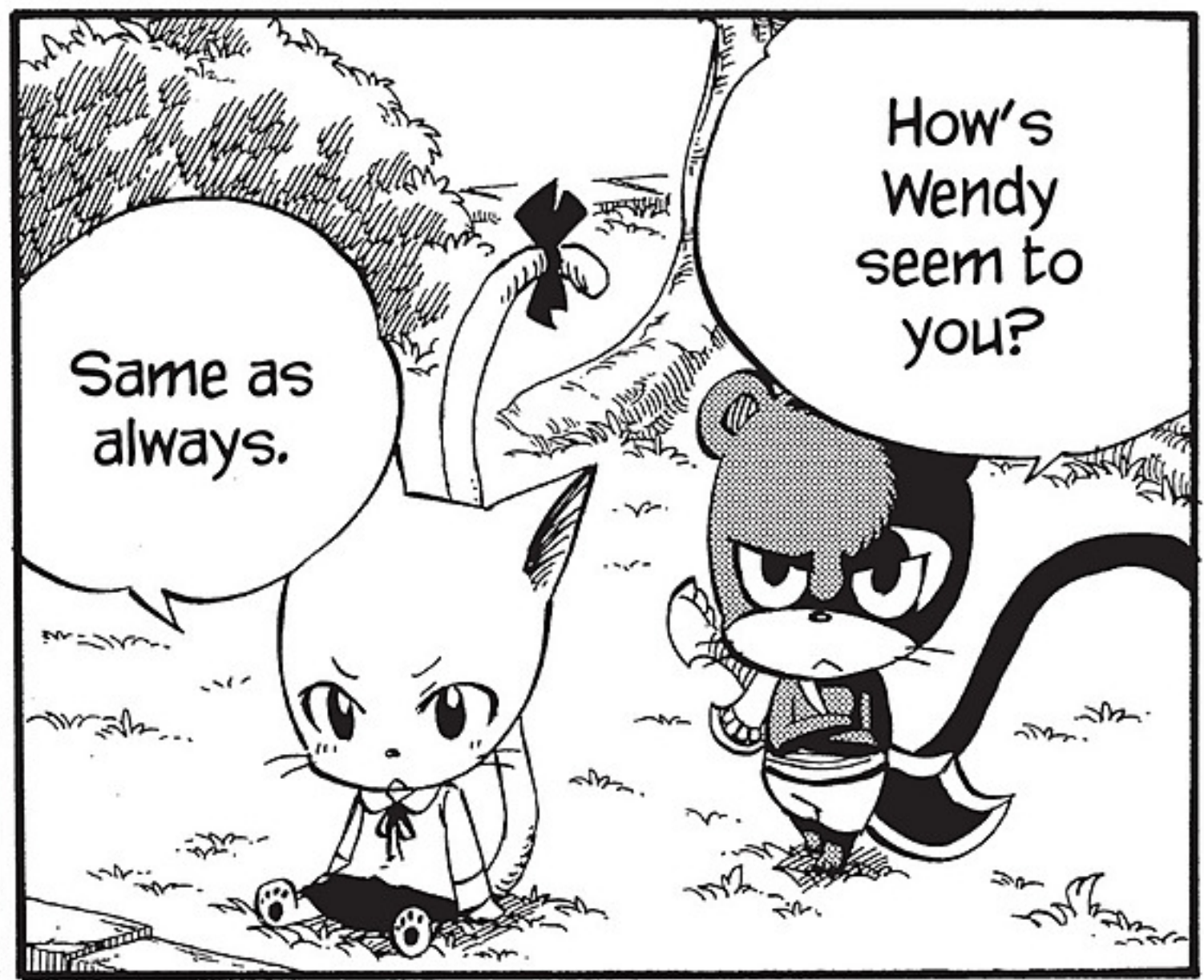
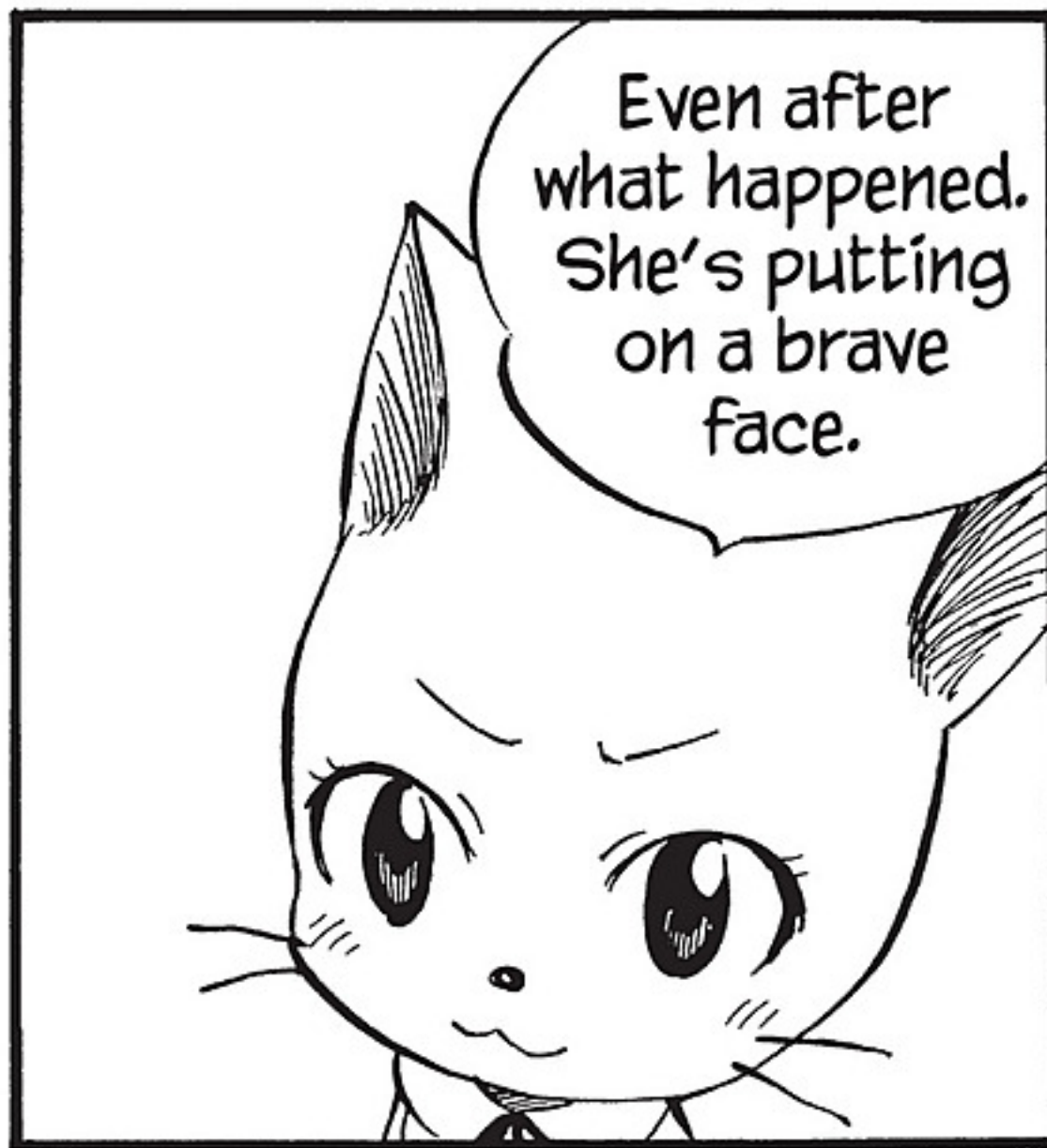


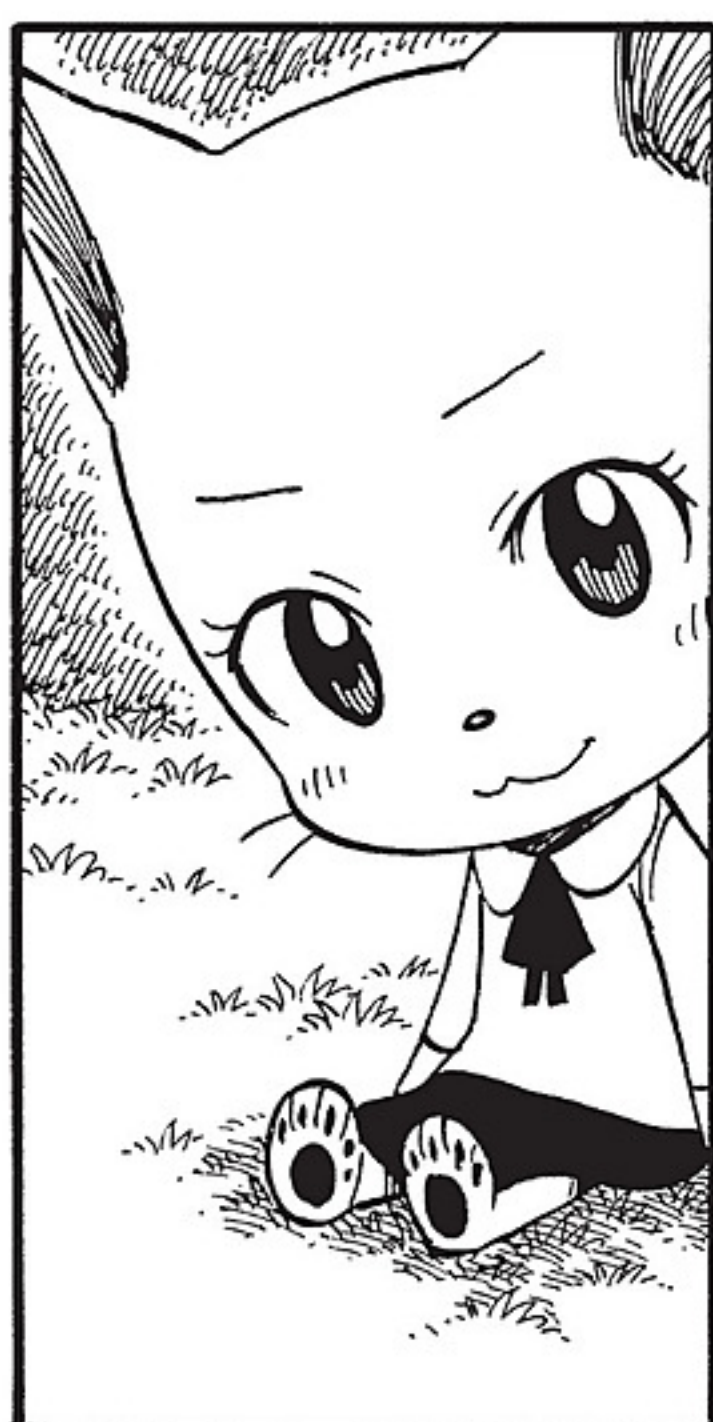
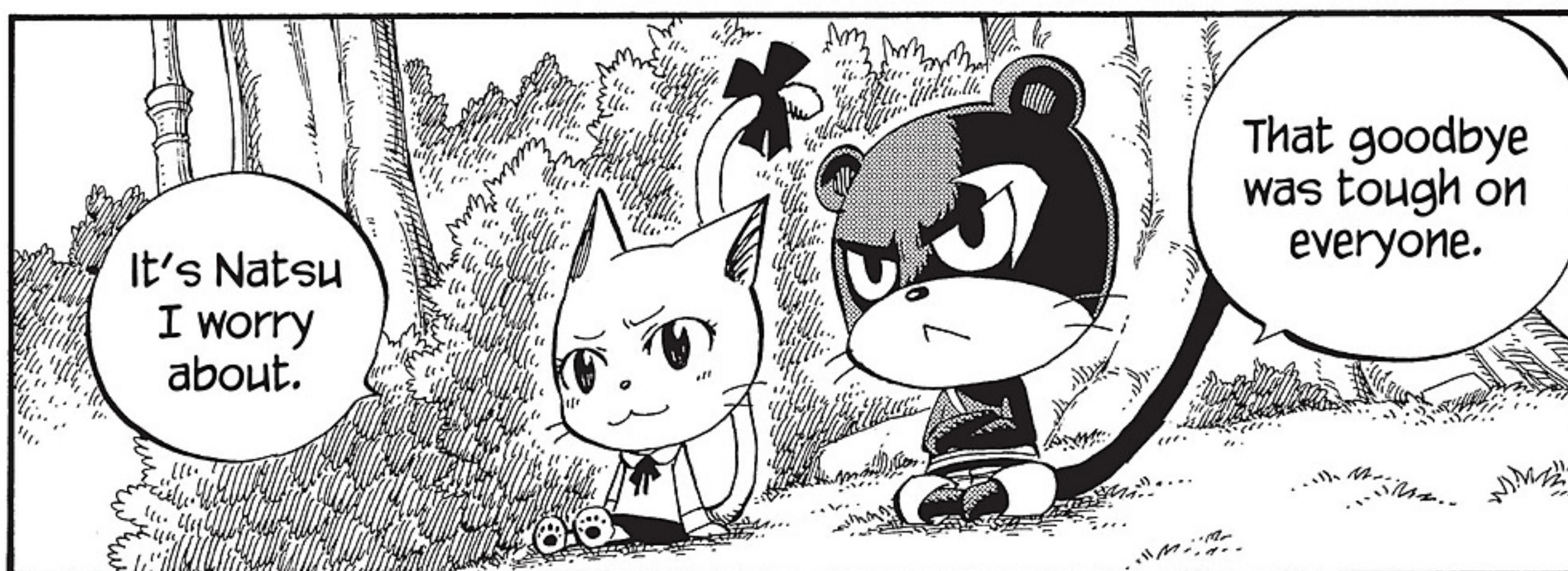
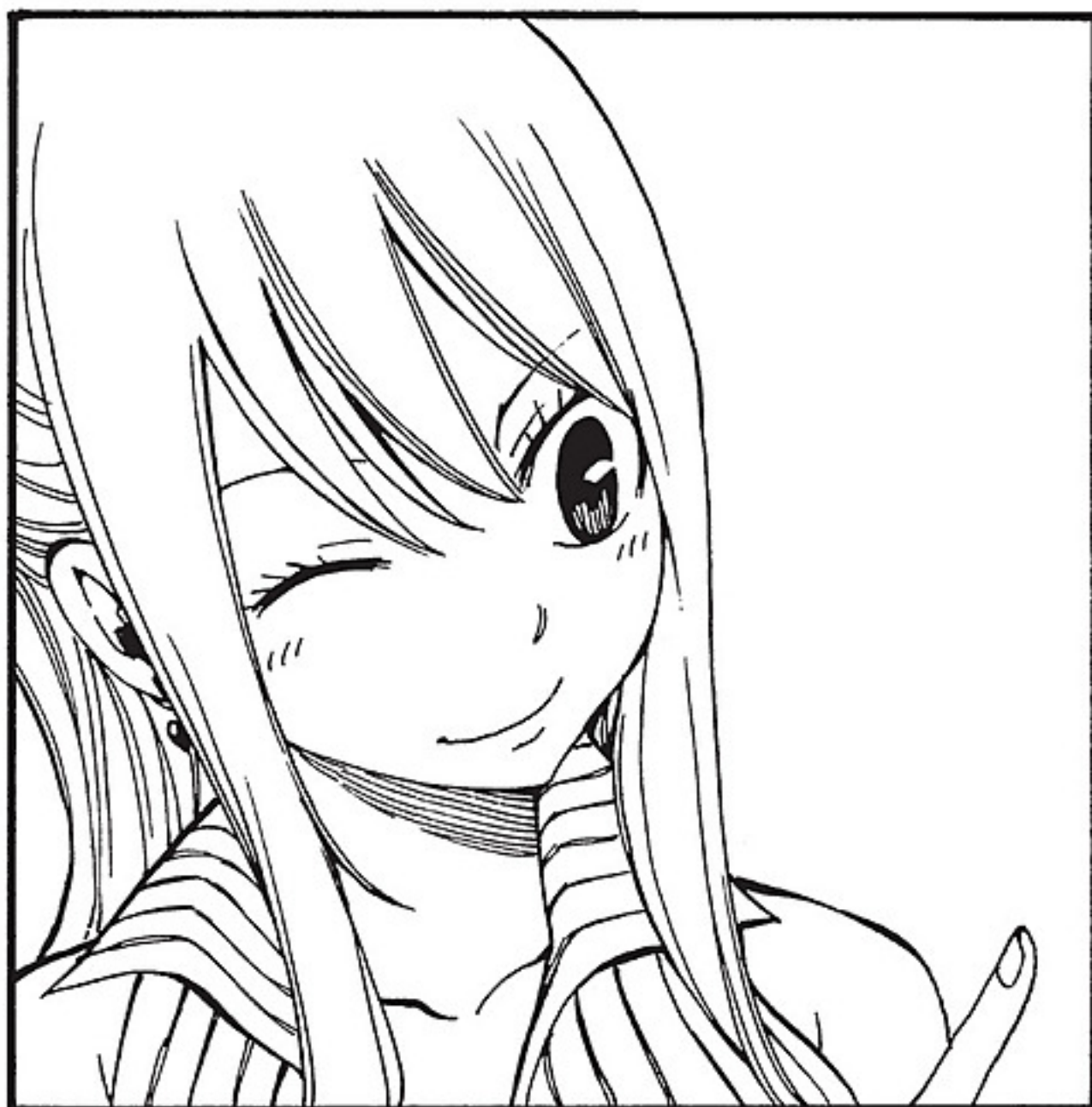


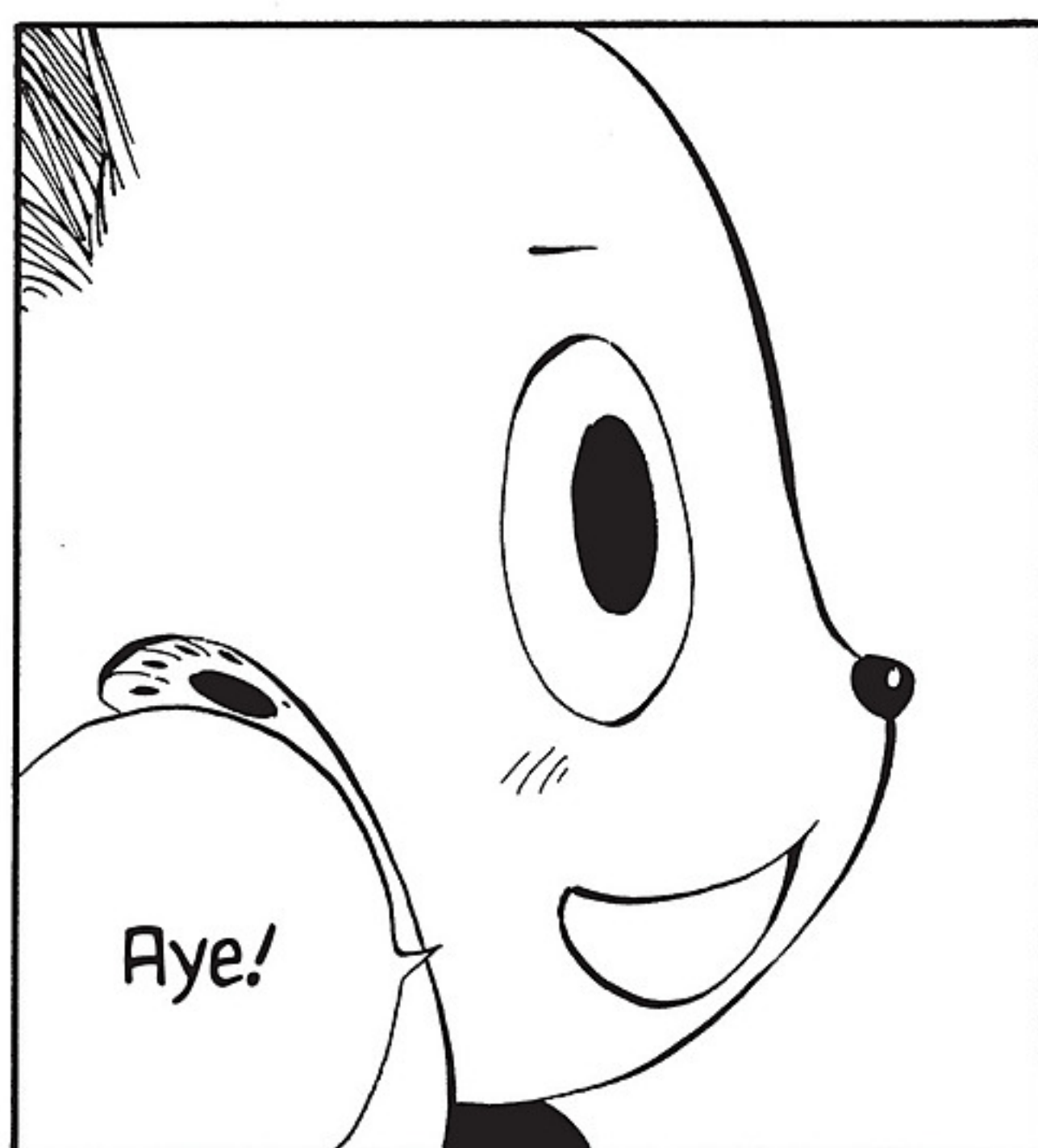
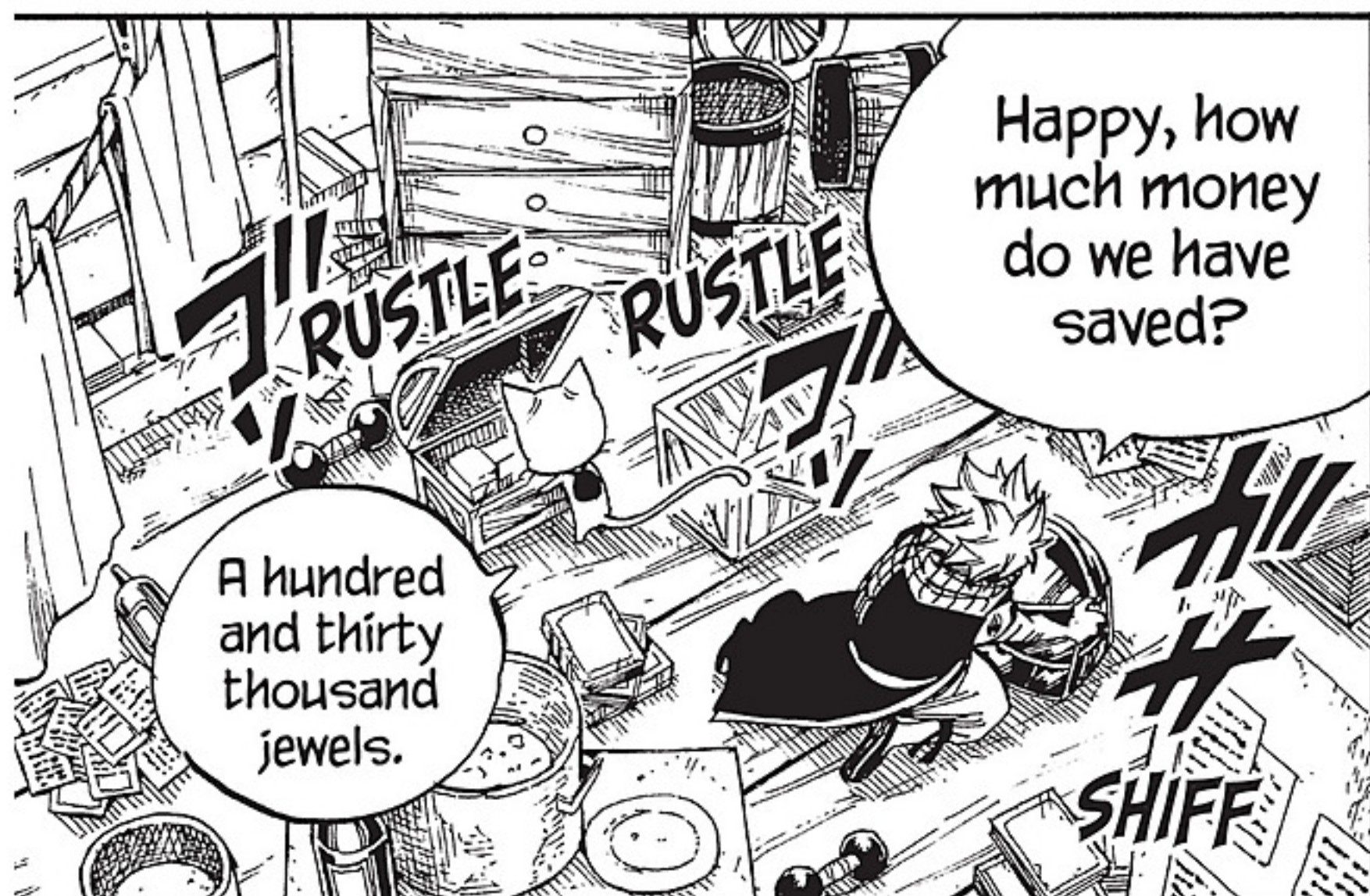


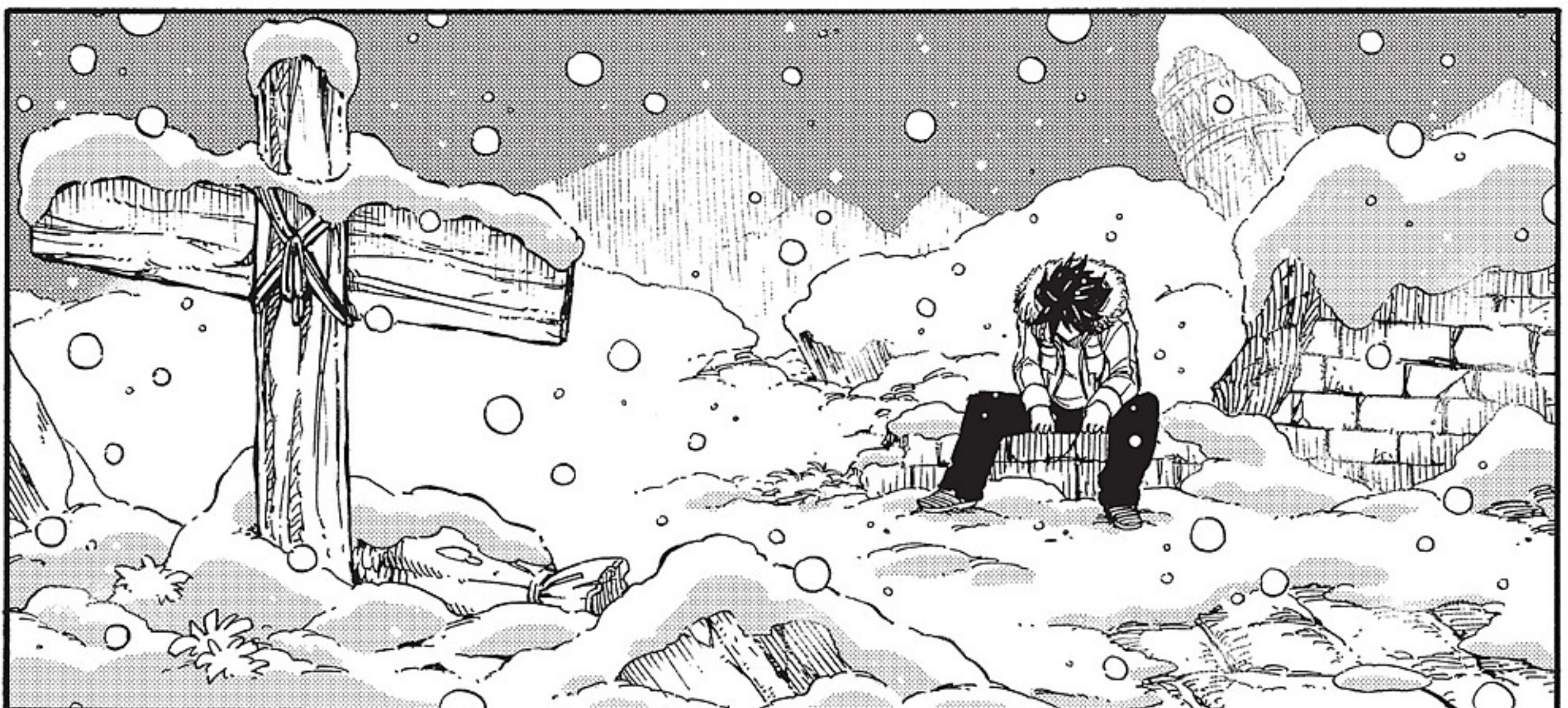
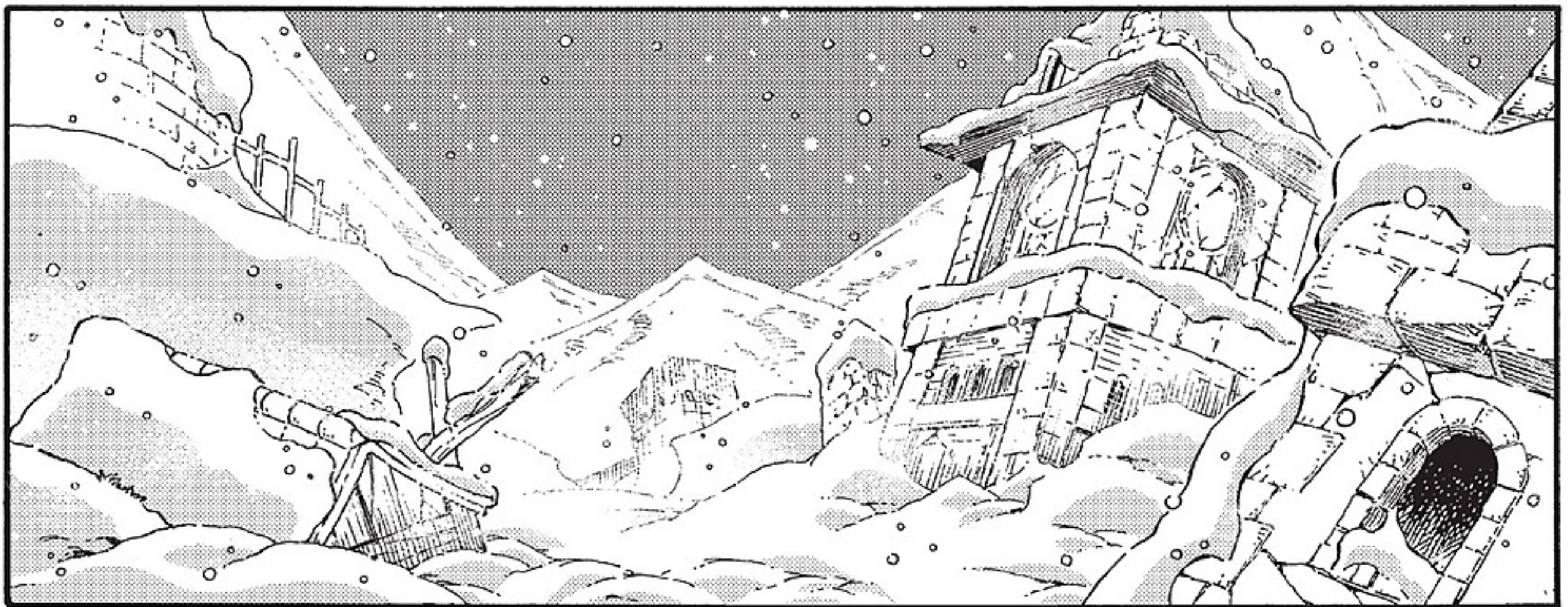


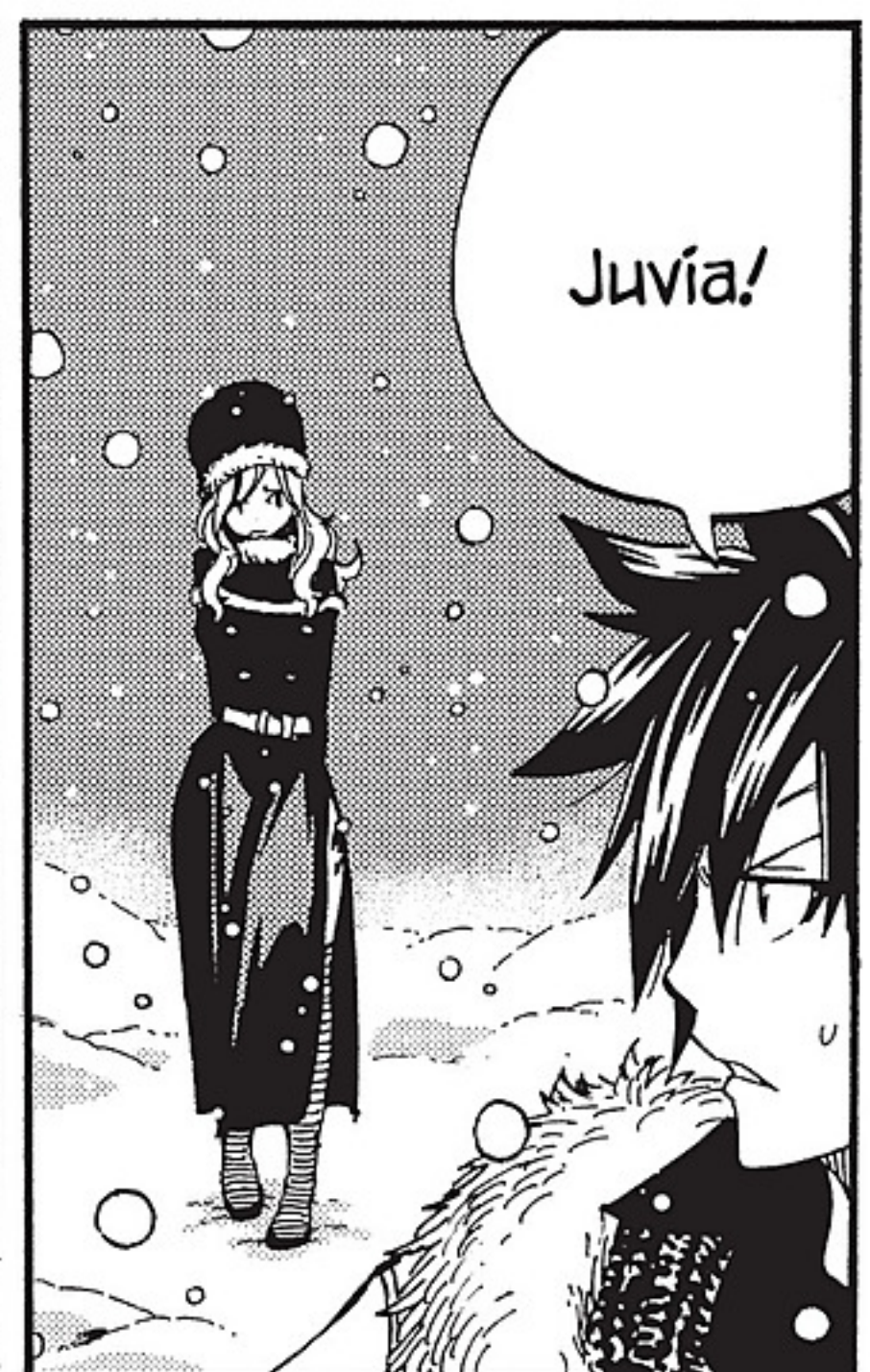
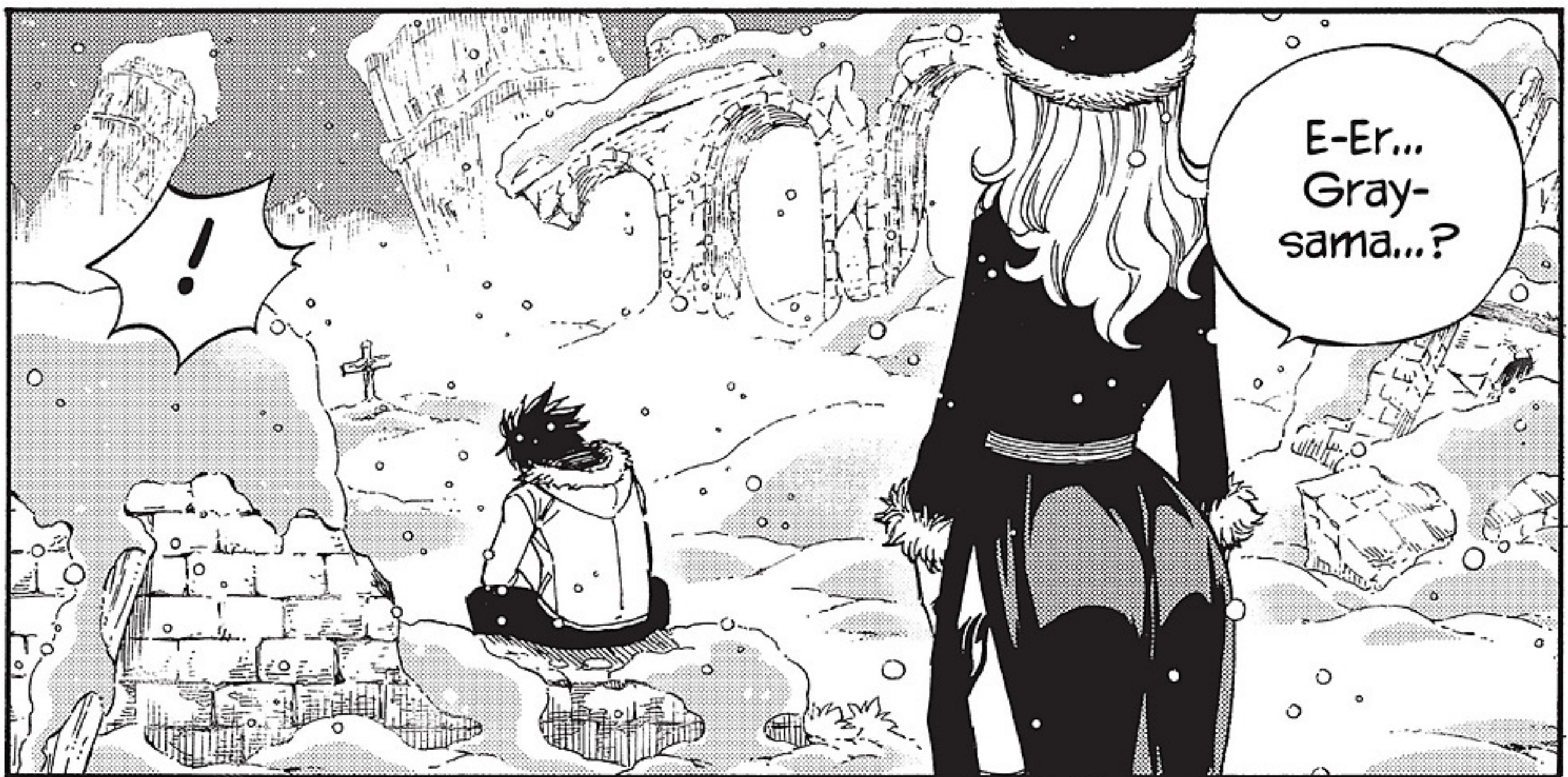
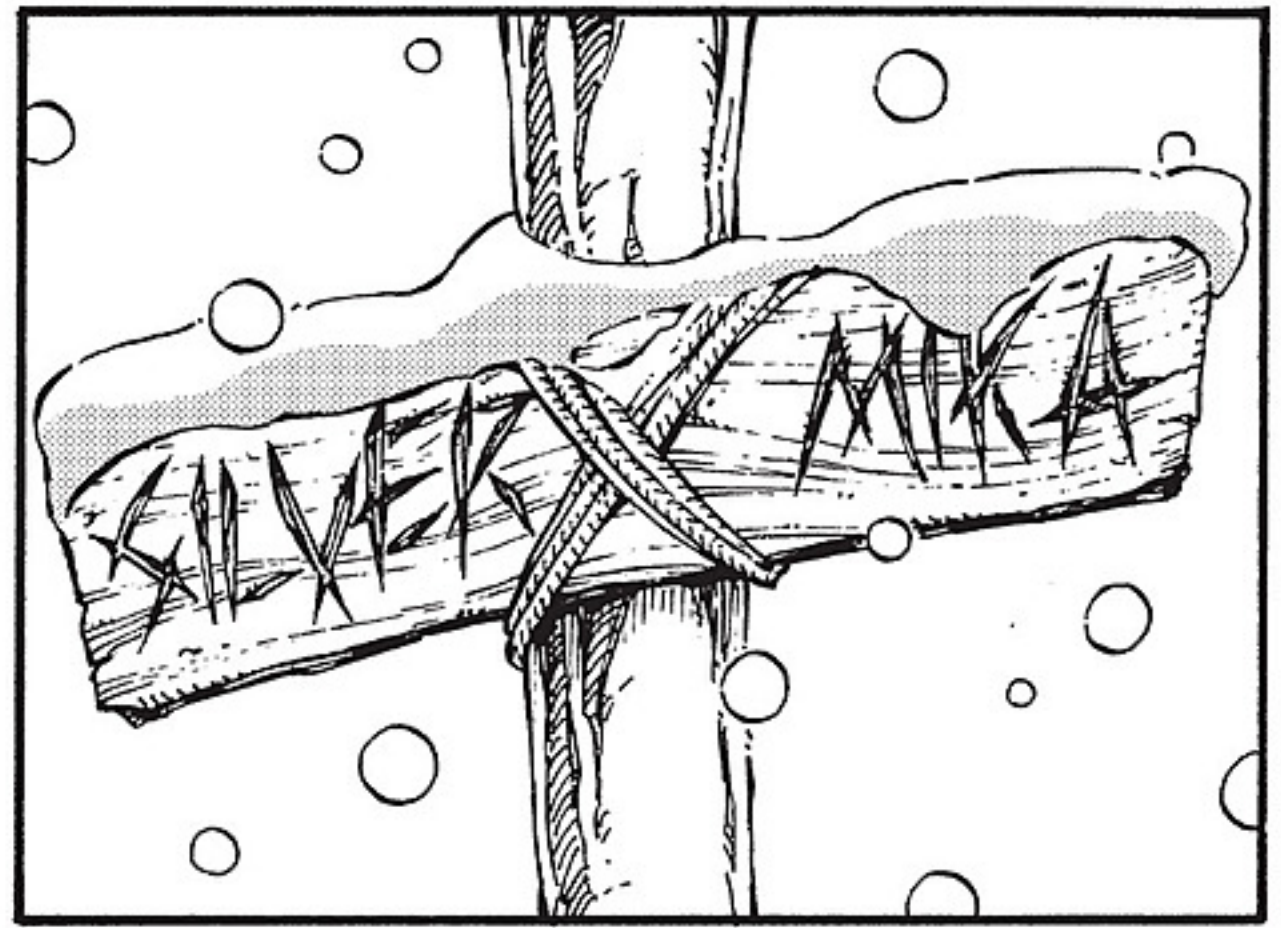














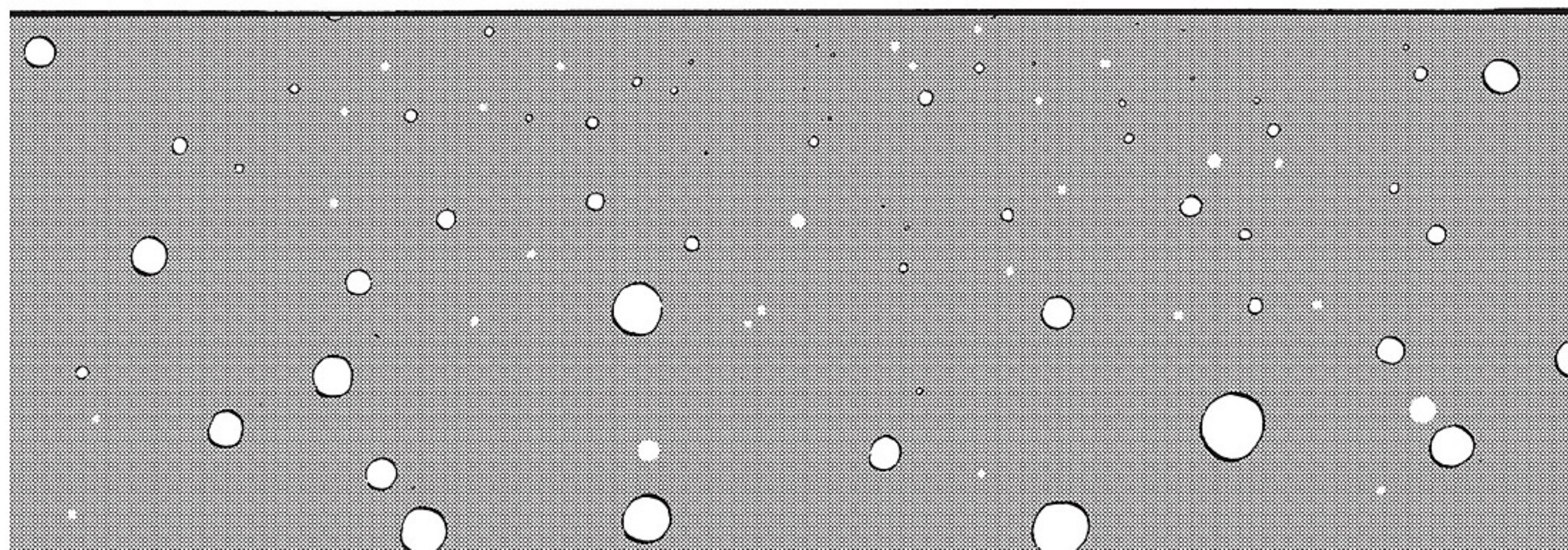
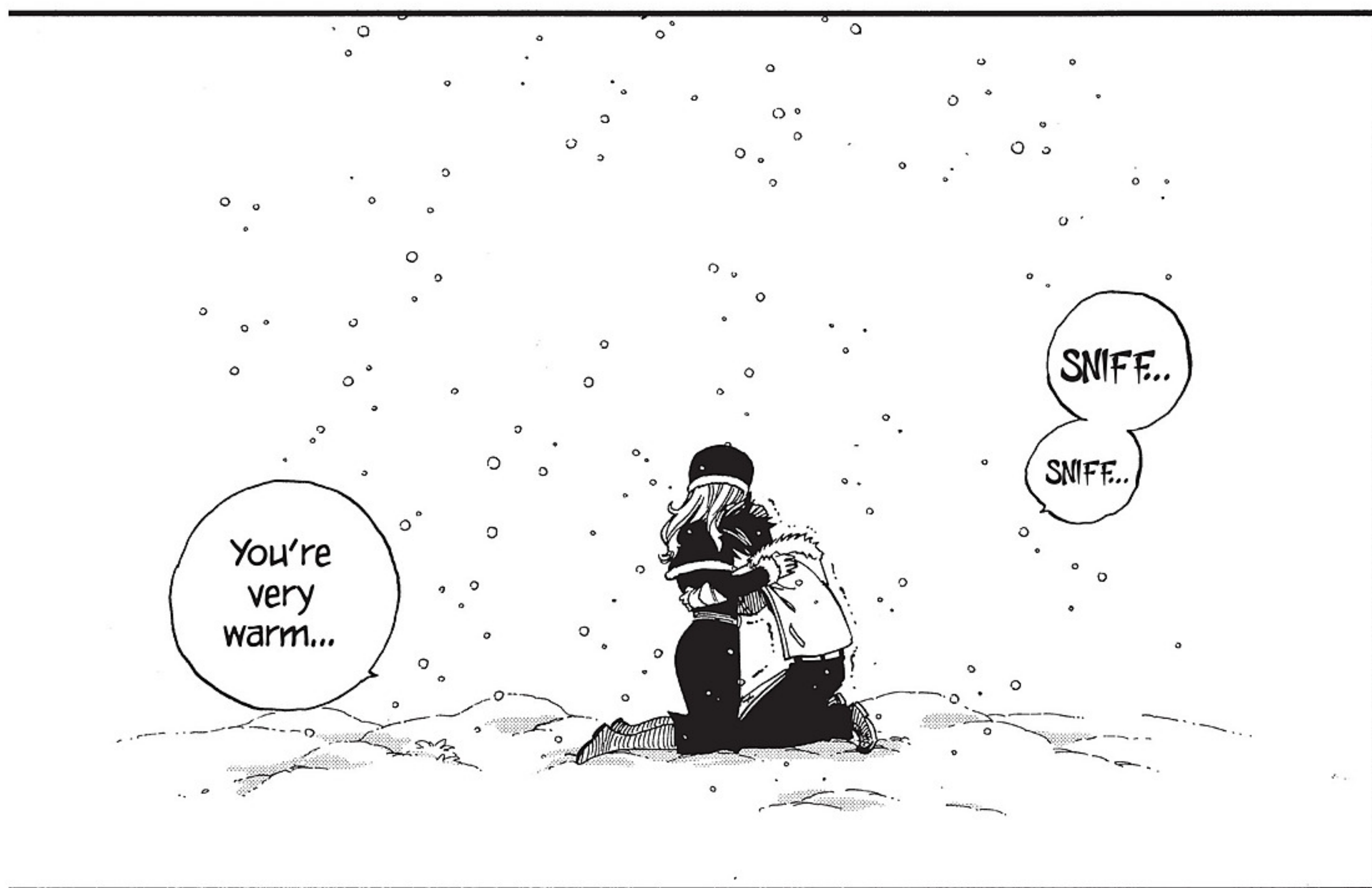


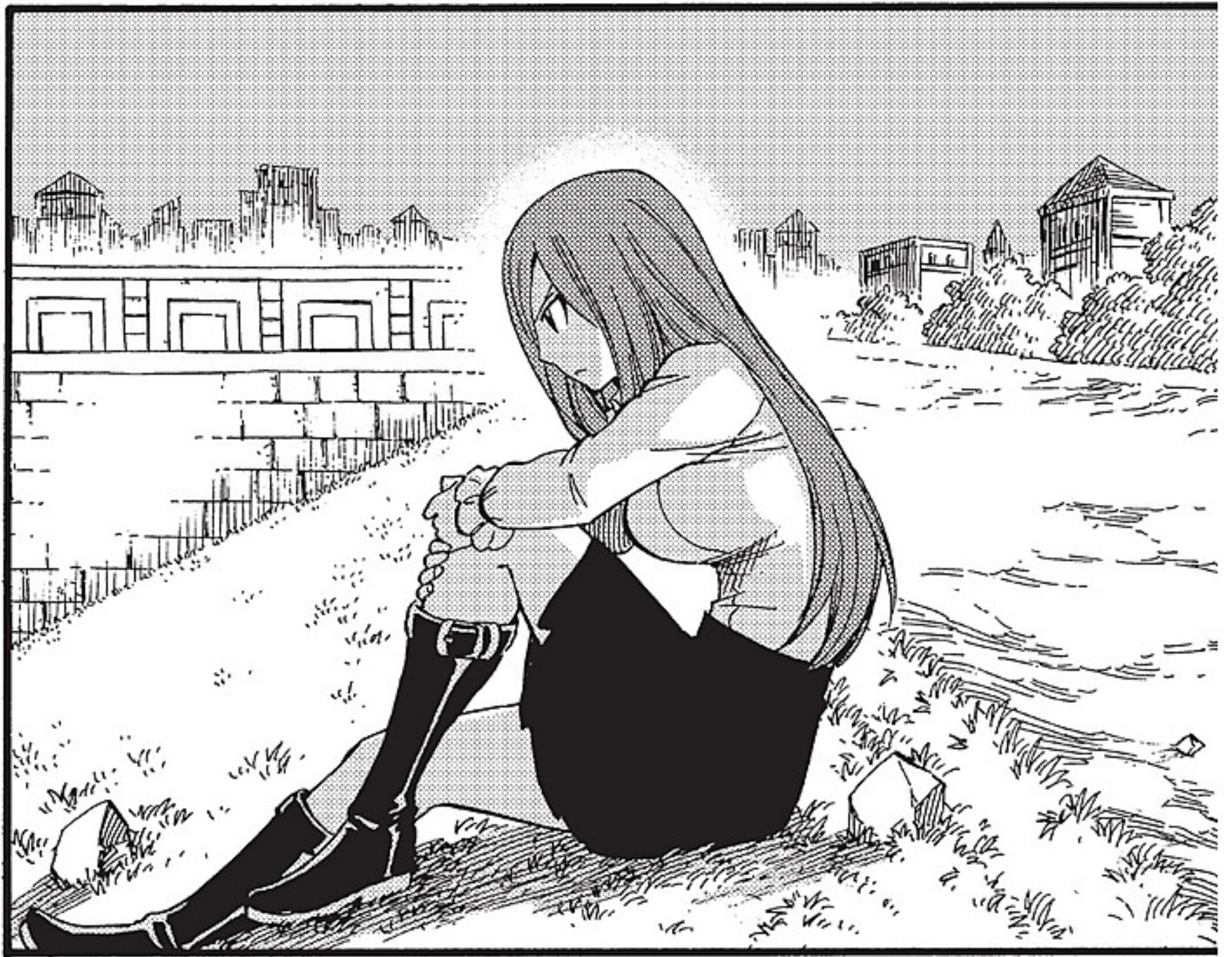
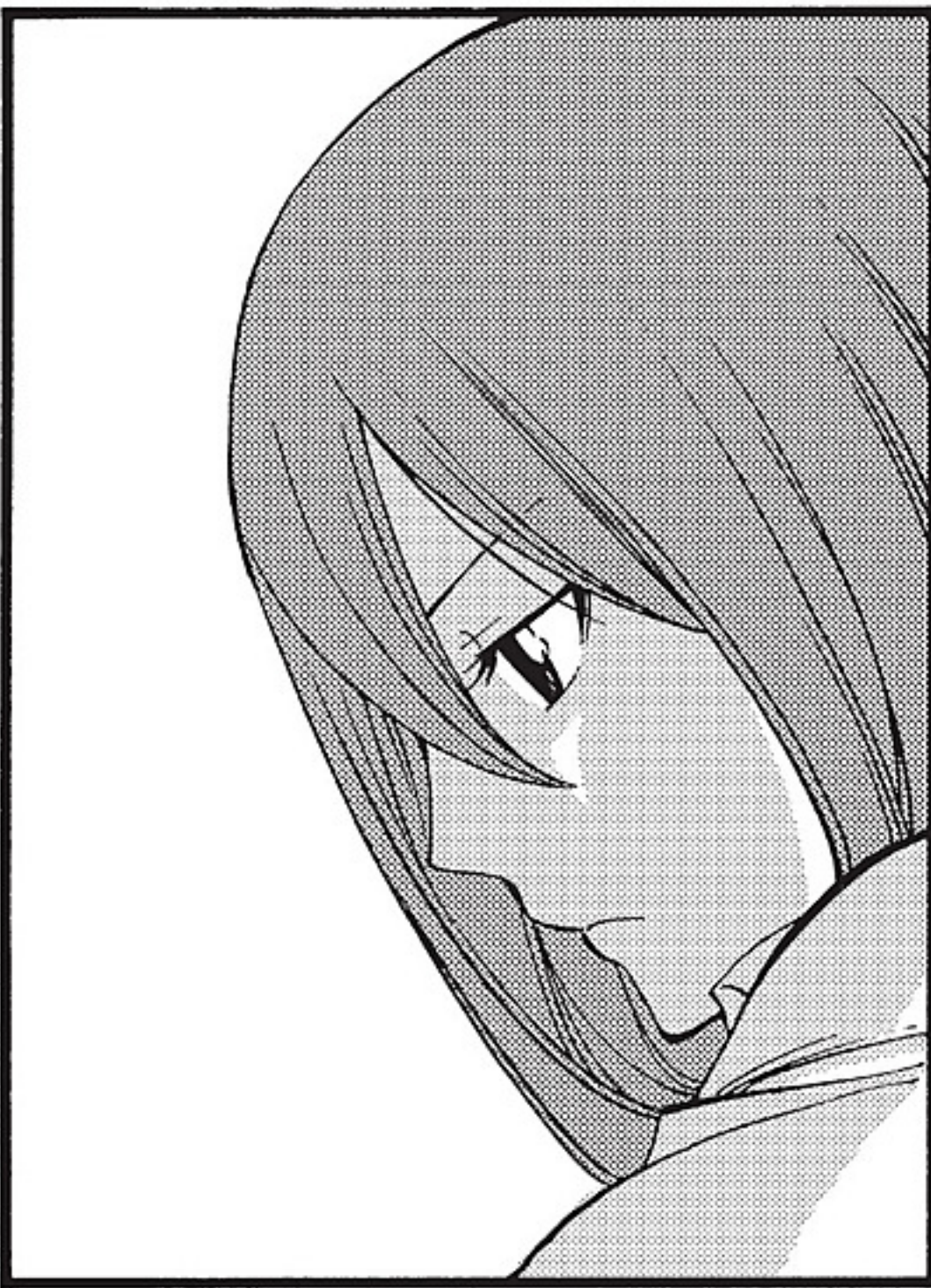
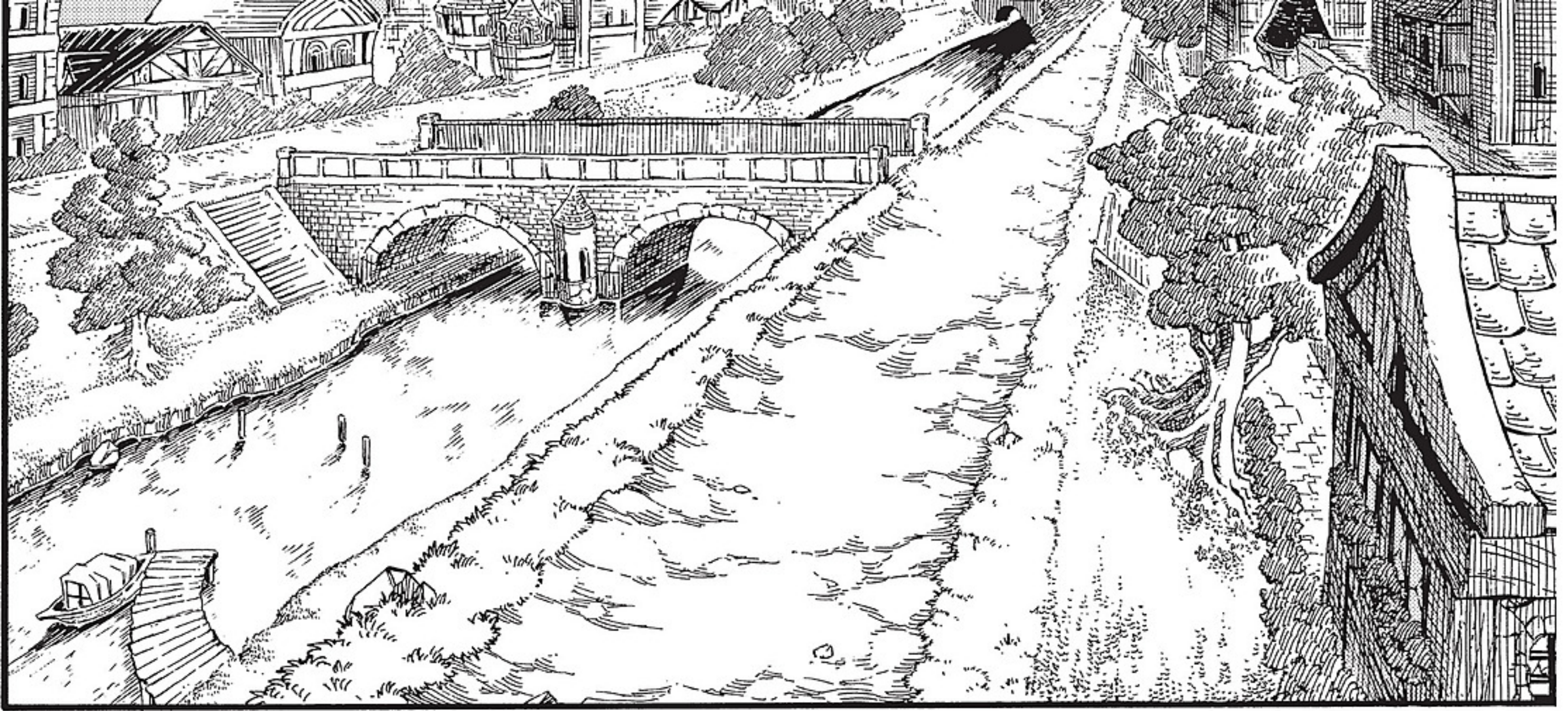
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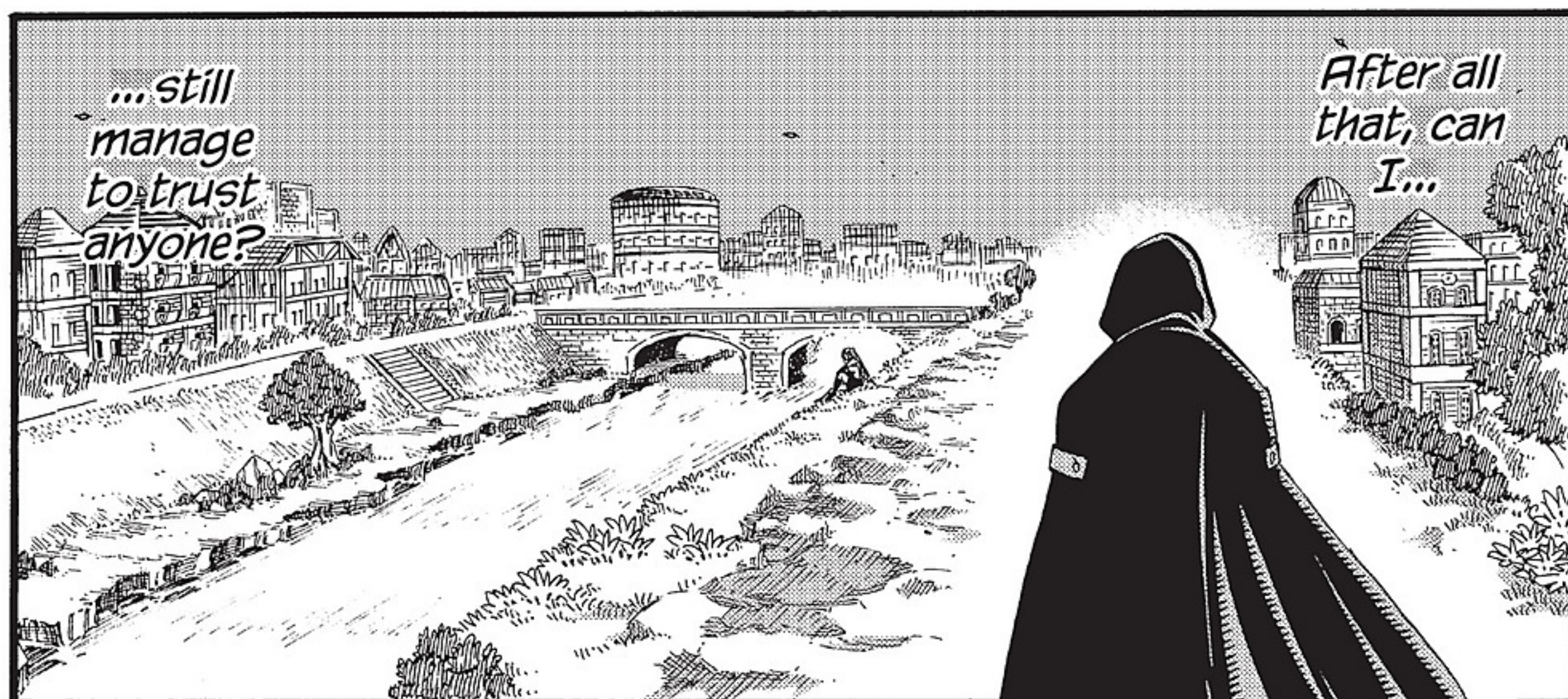


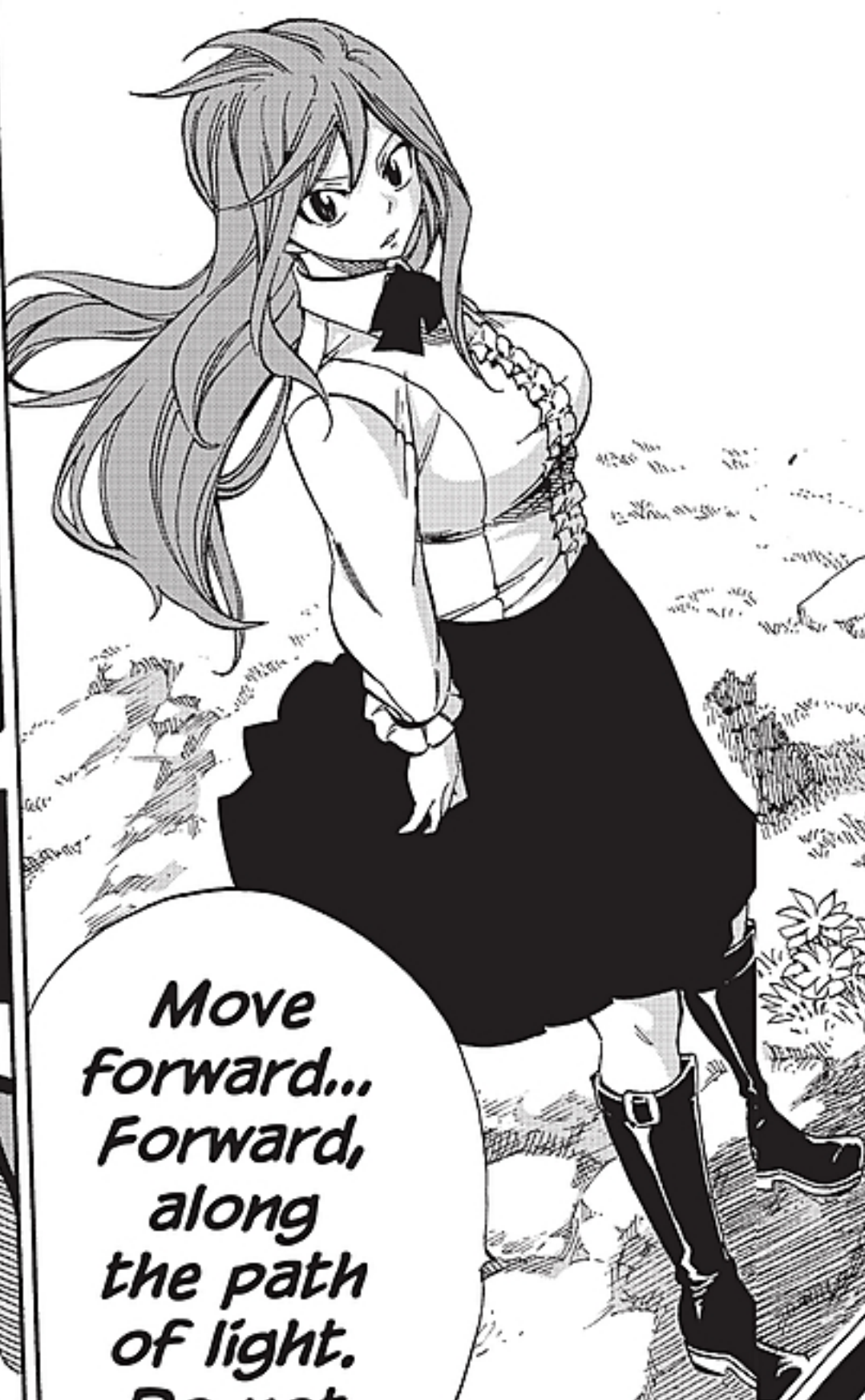
Thank
you.











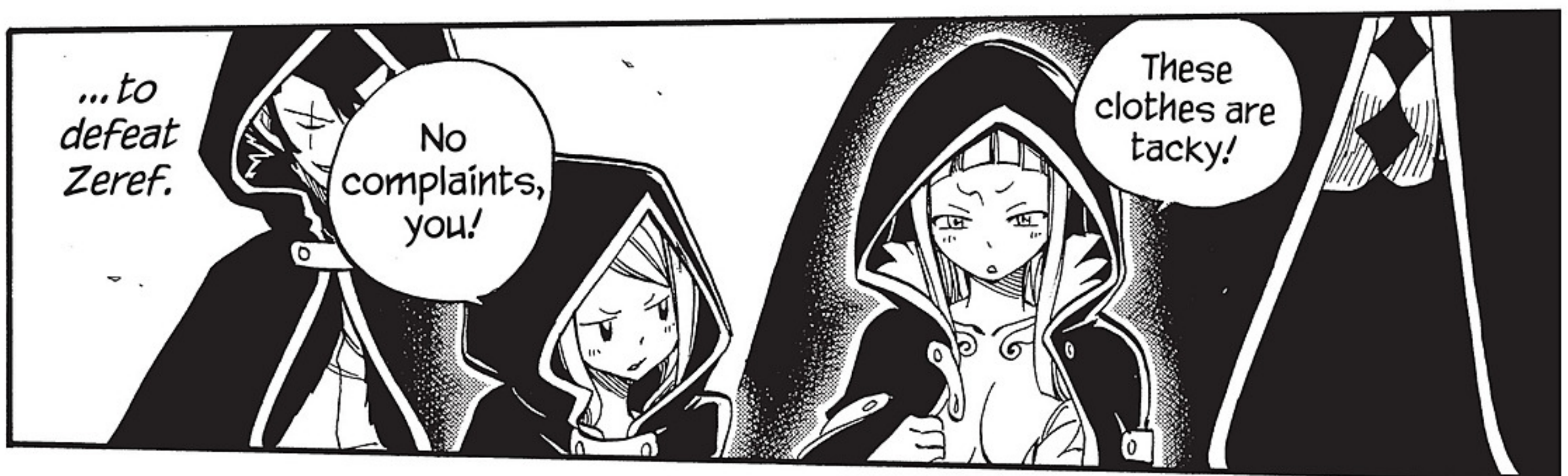
*Move
forward...
Forward,
along
the path
of light.
Do not
waver.*

*You
understand
both human
strength
and human
weakness.*





*As for us,
we will travel
the path of
darkness...*



*...to
defeat
Zeref.*

*No
complaints,
you!*

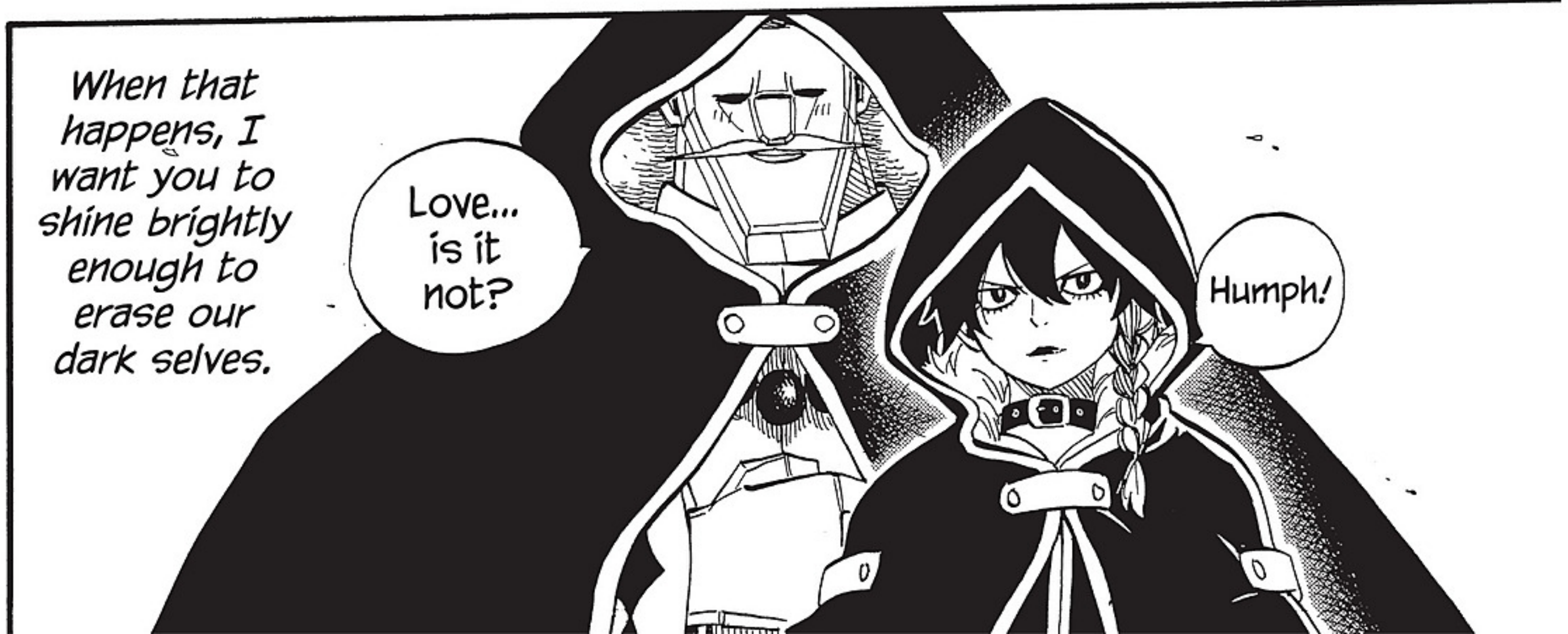
*These
clothes are
tacky!*



*Fill me in
later, okay?
I wanna
know, too.*

*He
thinks he's
so cool,
doesn't
he?*

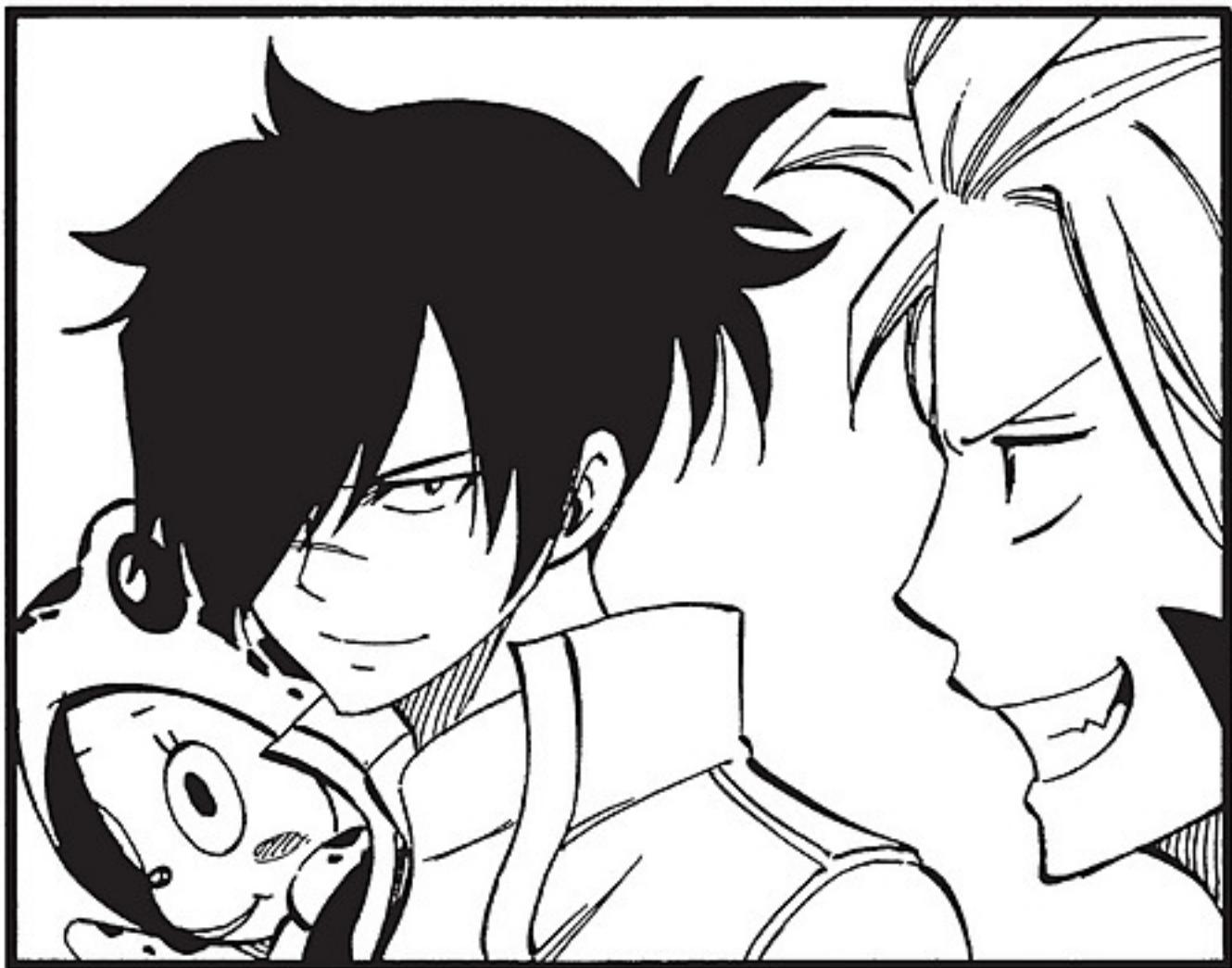
*However,
your path
may one
day meet
ours.*

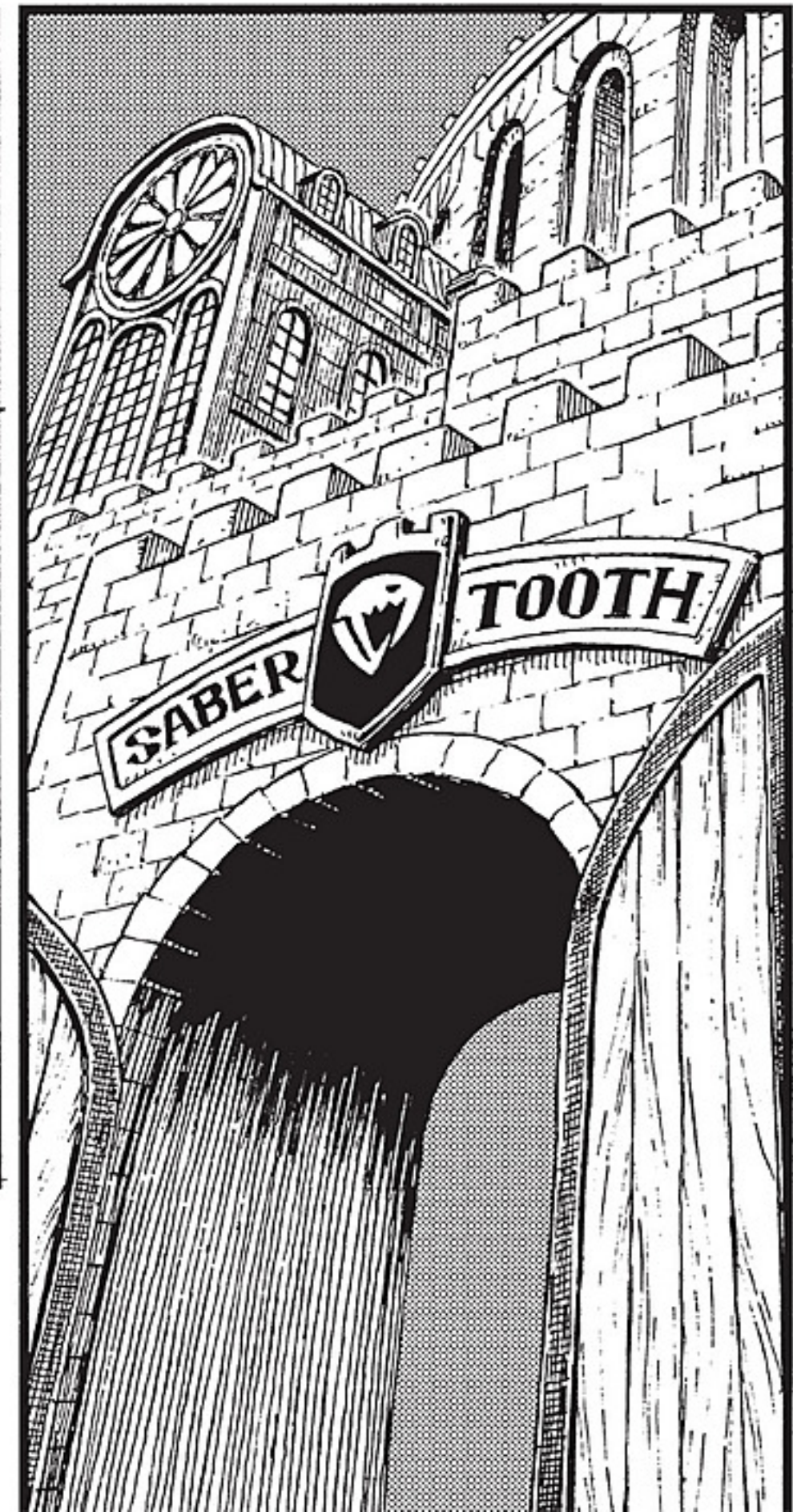
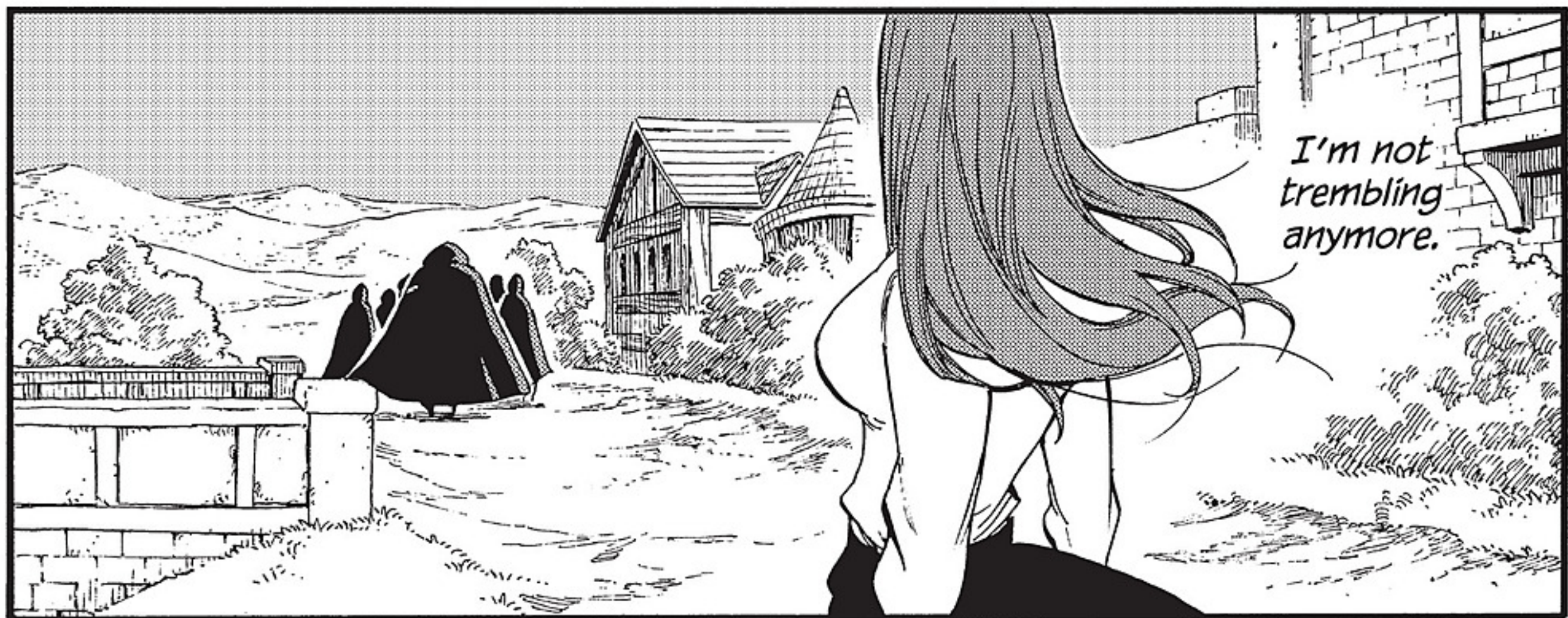


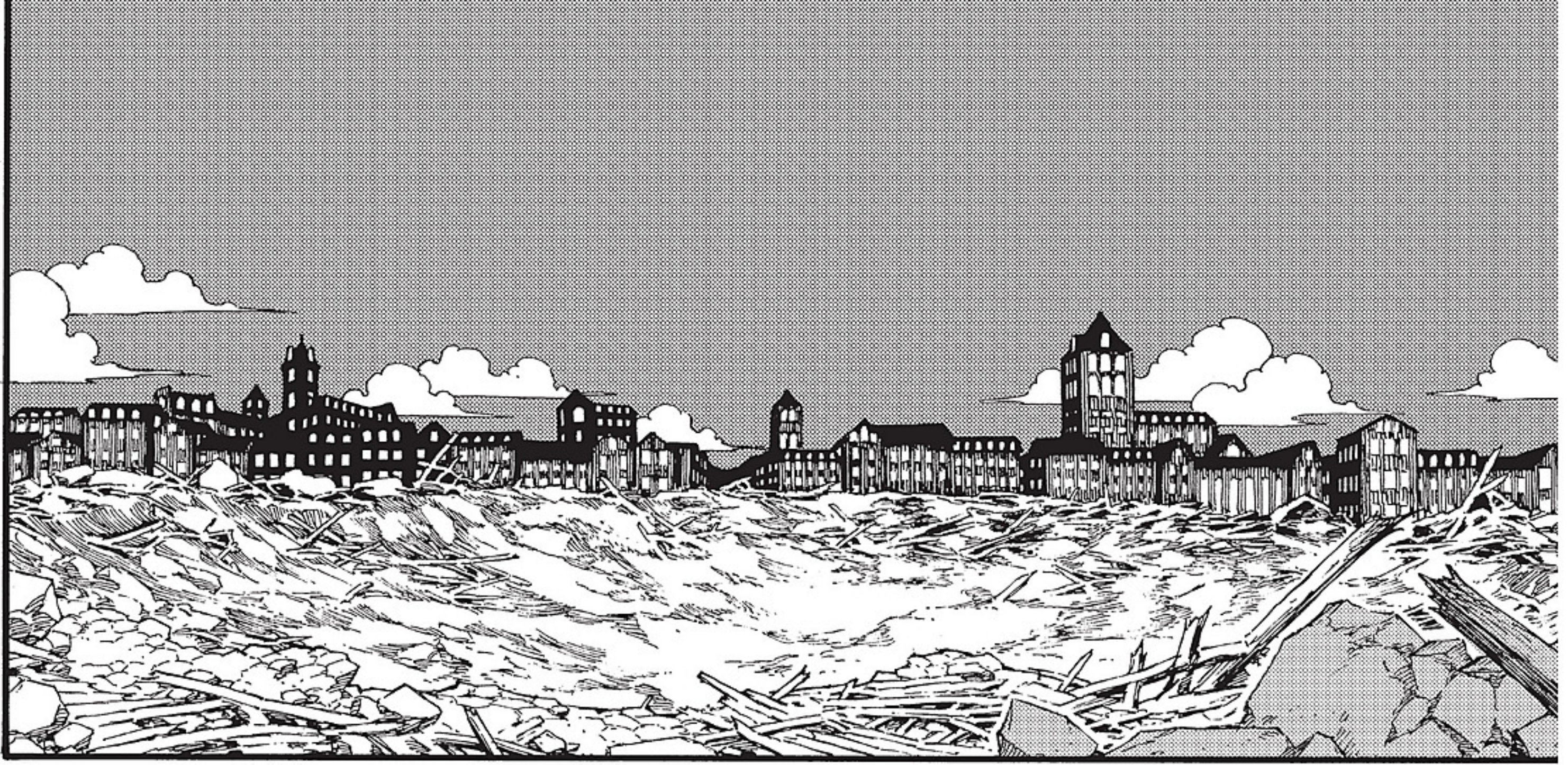
*When that
happens, I
want you to
shine brightly
enough to
erase our
dark selves.*

*Love...
is it
not?*

Humph!







Yeah, I know. Now you expect me to erase it from my mind too, huh?

...

SIGH

I did as you wished. I erased any memories of *that* from their minds.

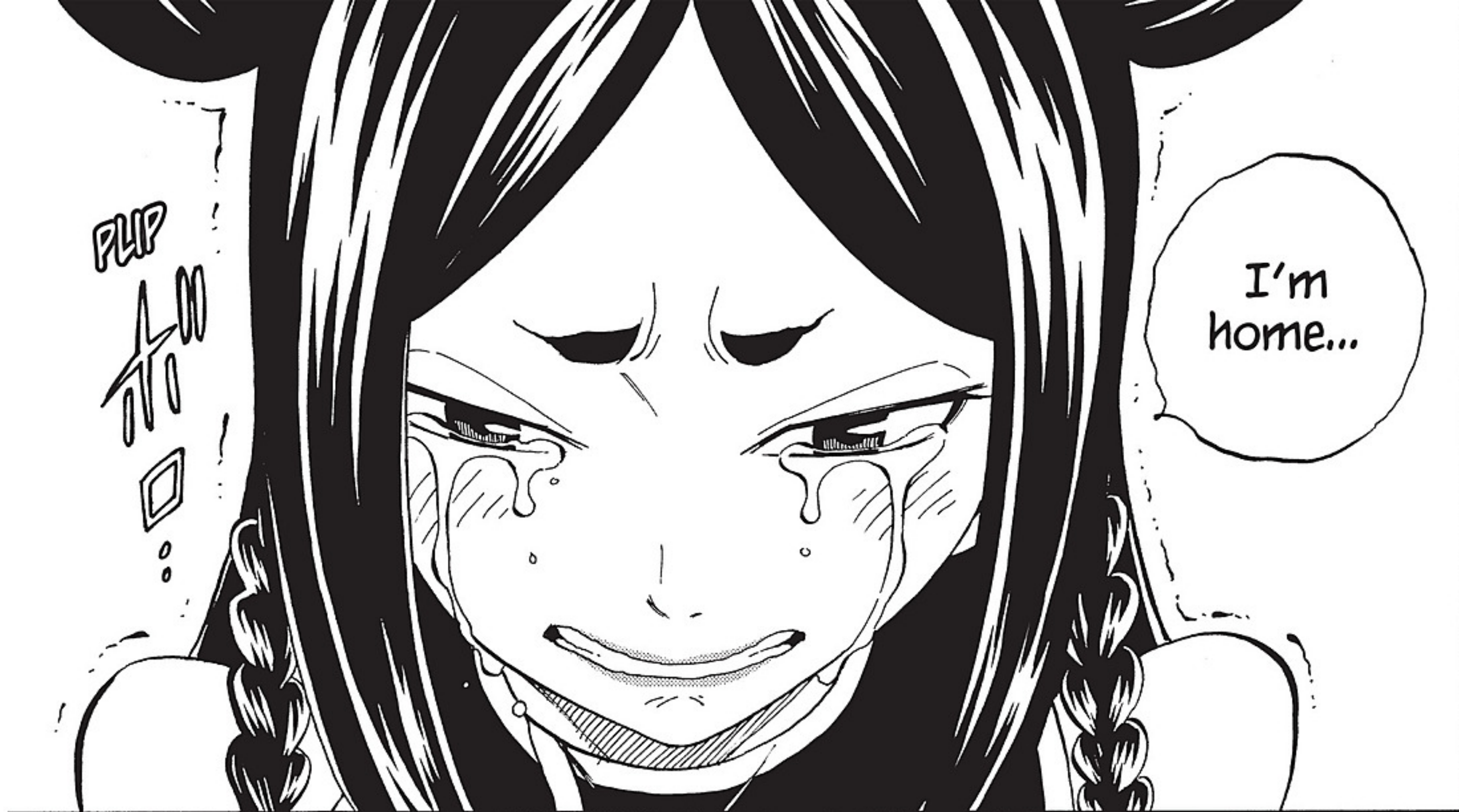
Huh?

Enough... Your mission is complete.

You already have.

But I don't want to tamper with *my own* memories.

?







I *told* you what you were capable of.

You're the sort of man who would sacrifice yourself in order to protect the guild!



HVH?!



Well, I *told* you not to erase your own memories, but you insisted...

Look at the headaches it caused!

Then what about what happened on Sirius Island?! No, that's just stupid!!!

W-Wait a second!! What does that mean?!

I'm a member of Fairy Tail?! I erased my own memories and infiltrated the Council?!!



Those kids have all chosen their own paths to walk.

This is the end of an era.



Over?



It doesn't matter now.

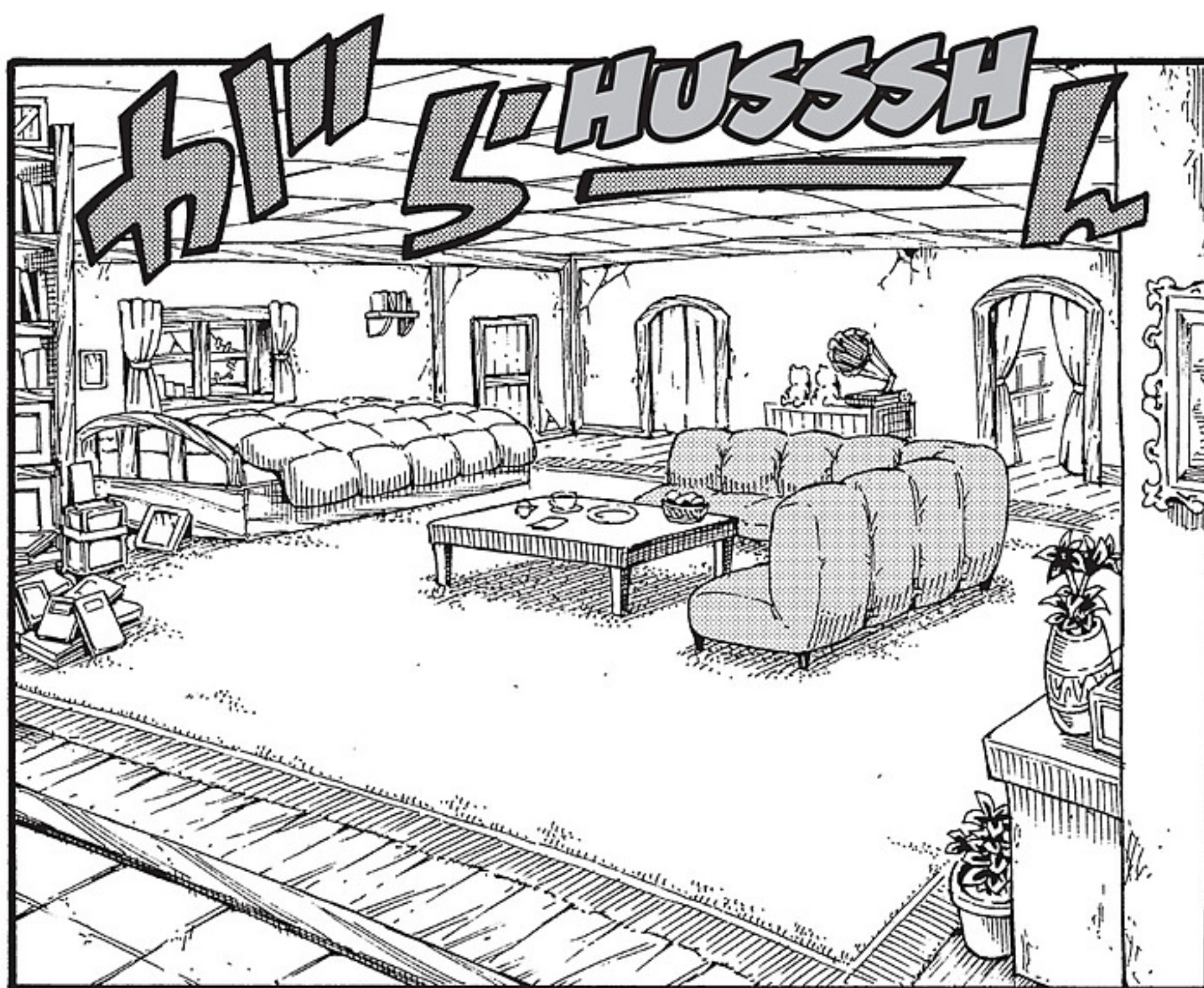
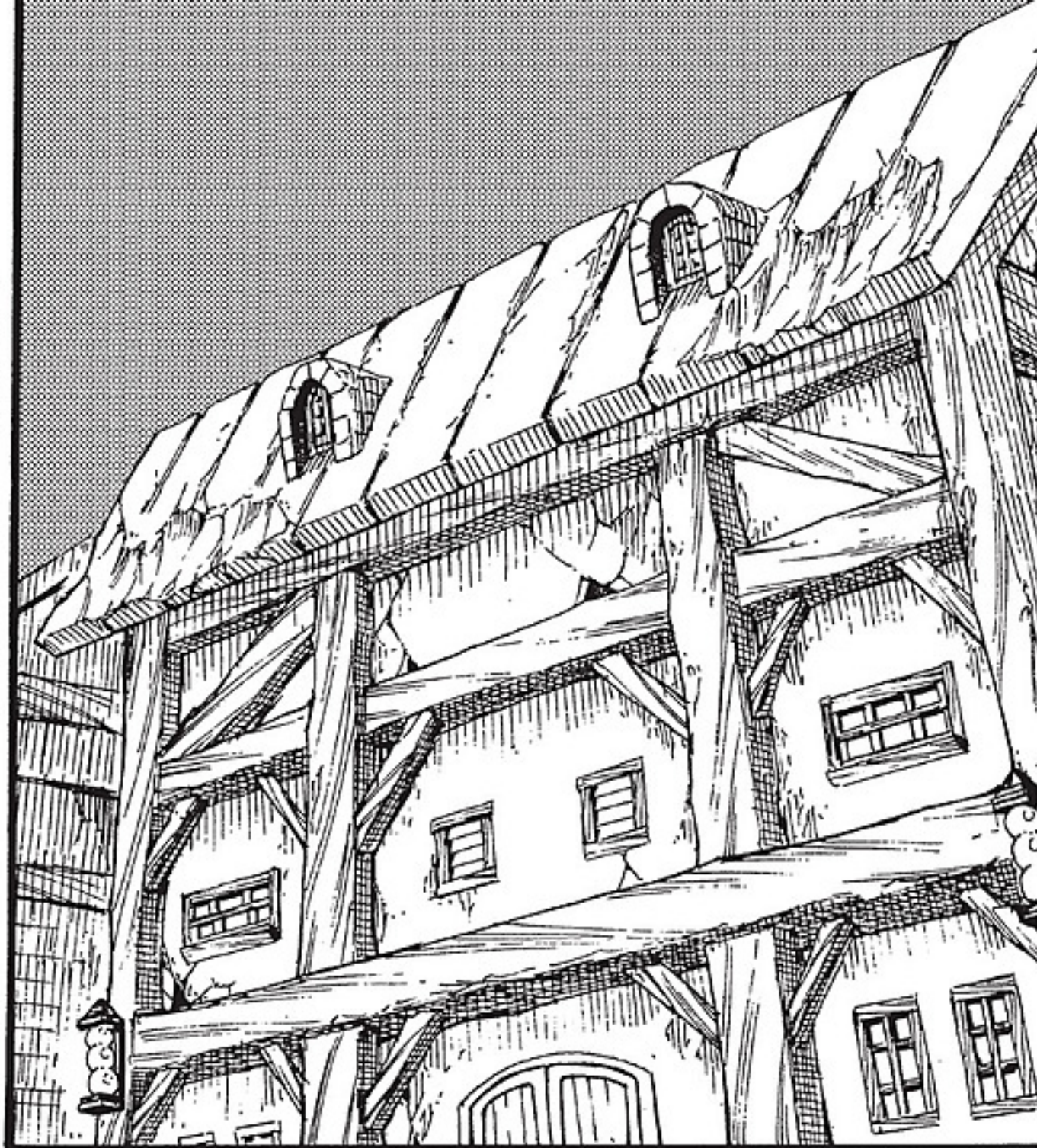
It's all over.



...?!
You're serious?!!

*I'm going
to disband
Fairy Tail.*

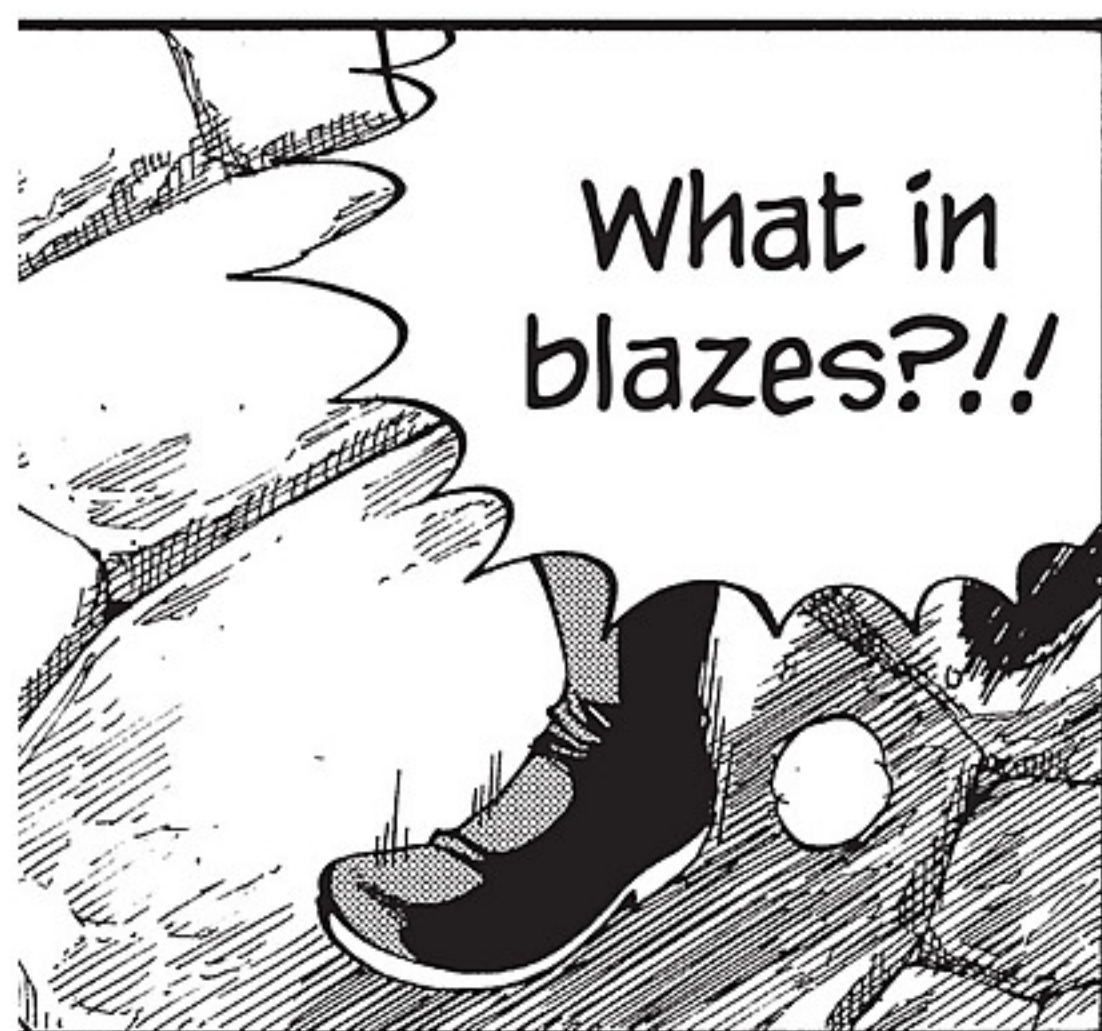




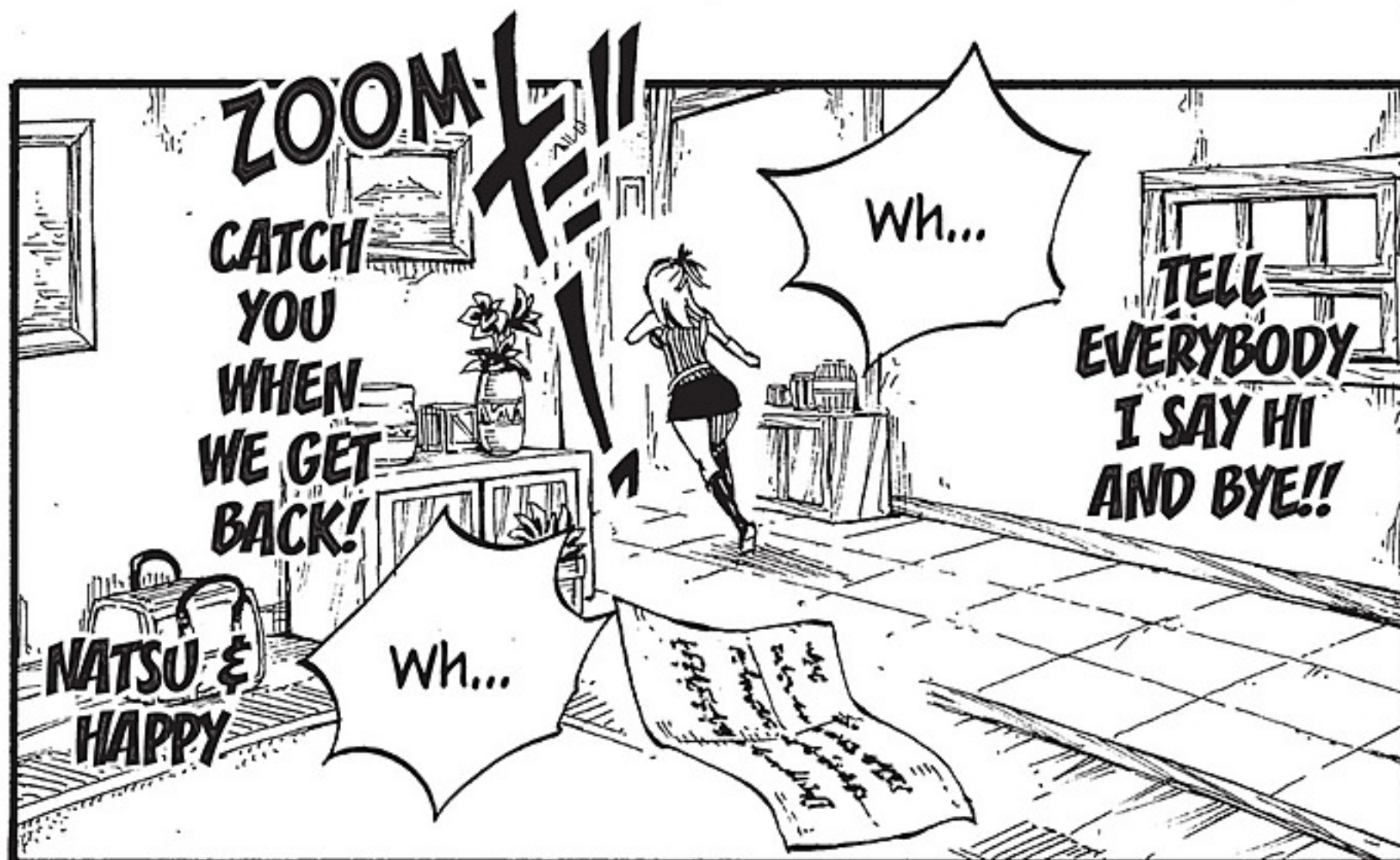
**WE'LL BE
BACK IN
ABOUT A
YEAR.**



**ME AND
HAPPY'RE
GOING ON
A TRAINING
JOURNEY.**



**What in
blazes?!!**



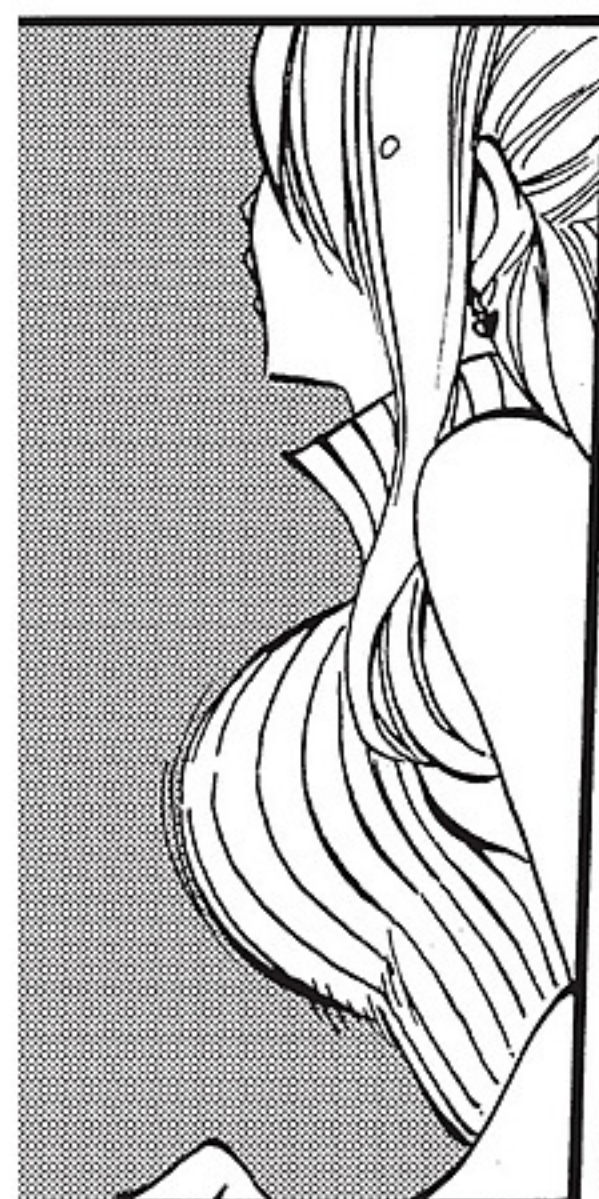
ZOOM!!

**CATCH
YOU
WHEN
WE GET
BACK!**

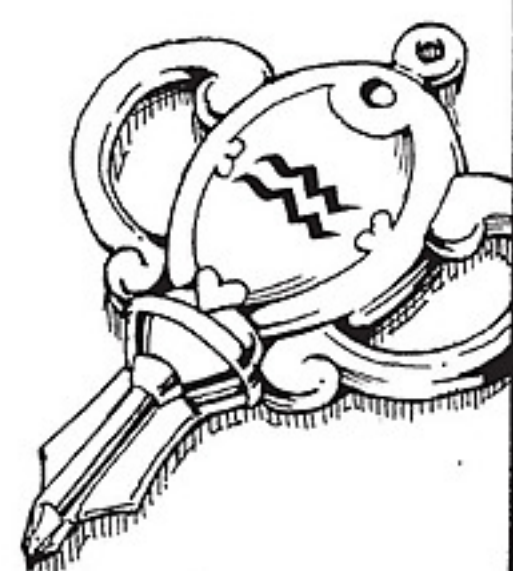
**NATSU &
HAPPY**

Wh...

**TELL
EVERYBODY
I SAY HI
AND BYE!!**



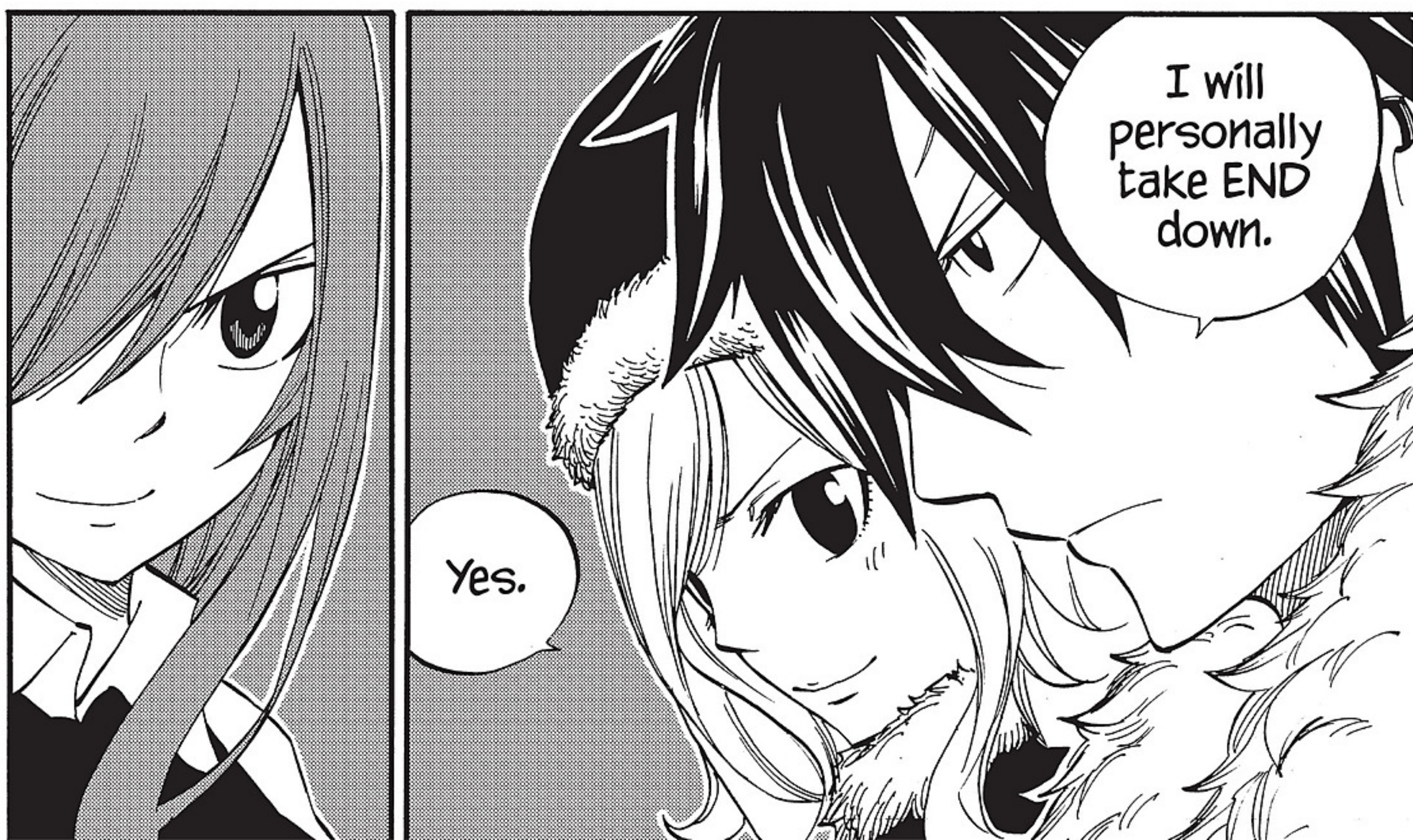
**Doesn't
he
know...**

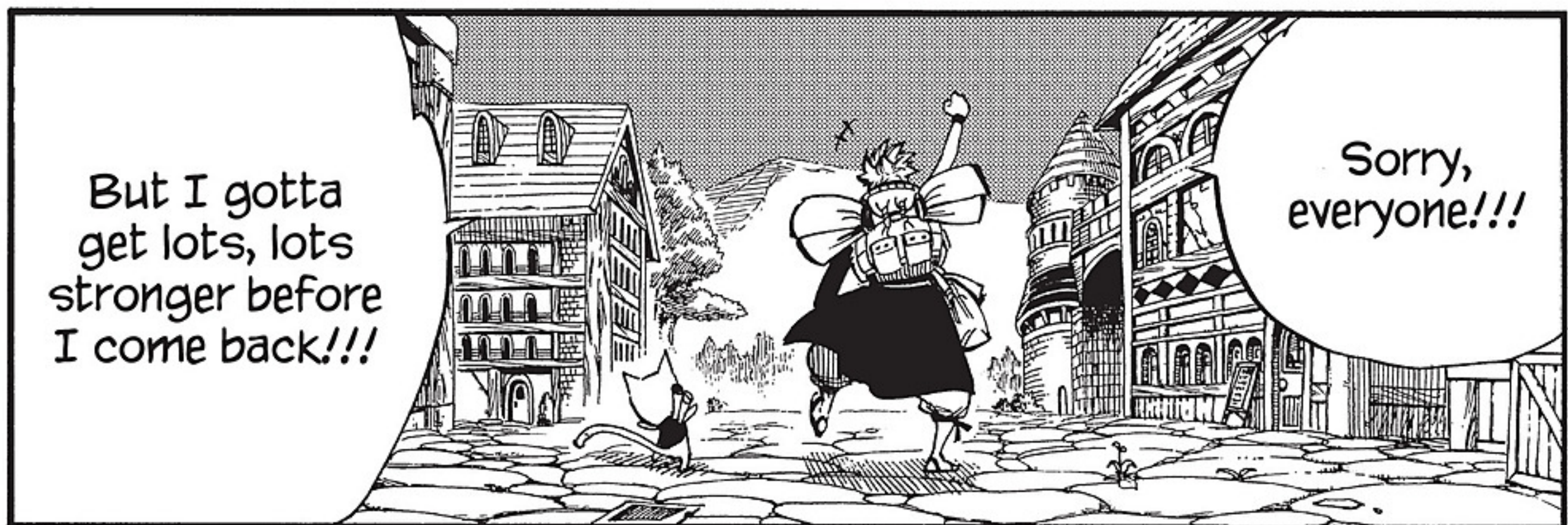
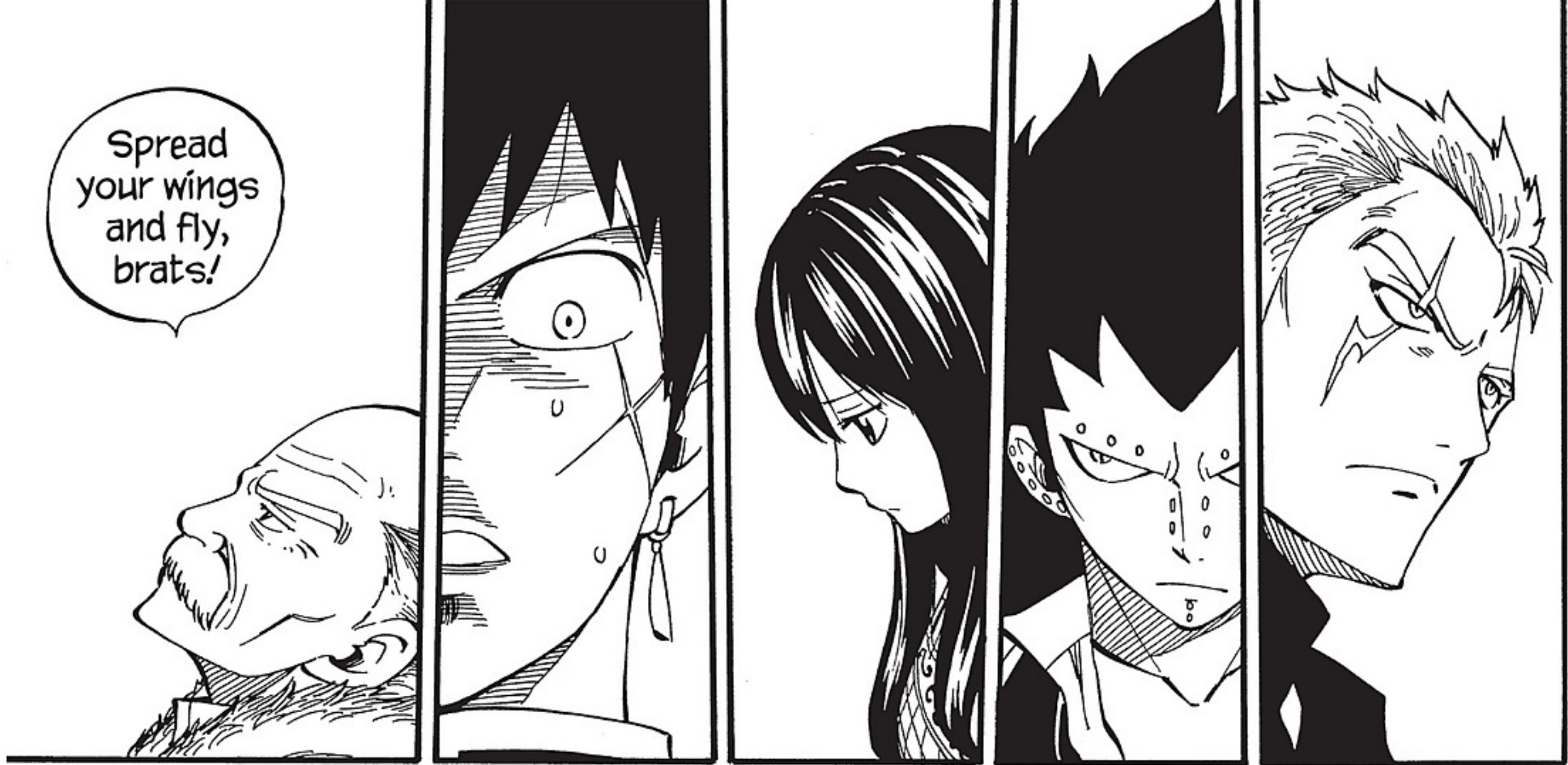


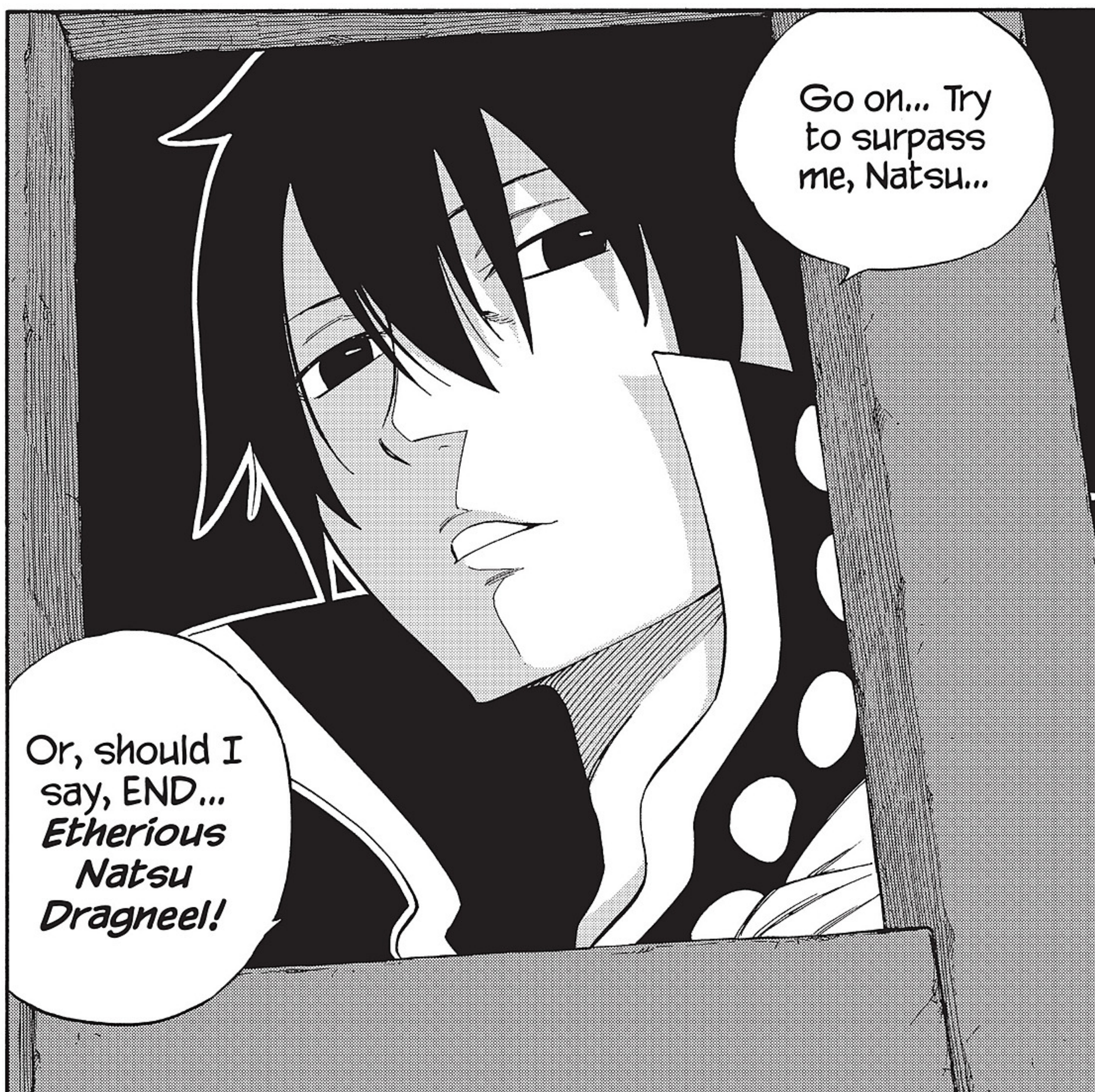
ZOOM!!

**Doesn't
he...**

**Taking
off on a
journey??!!?
What is he
thinking?!!**





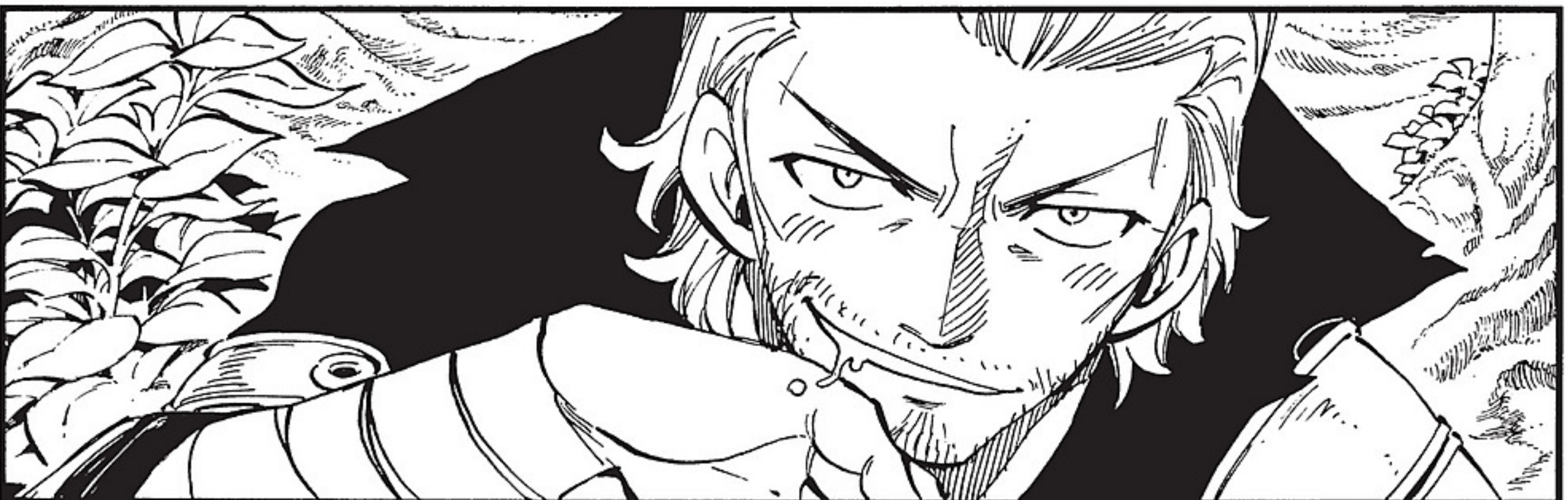


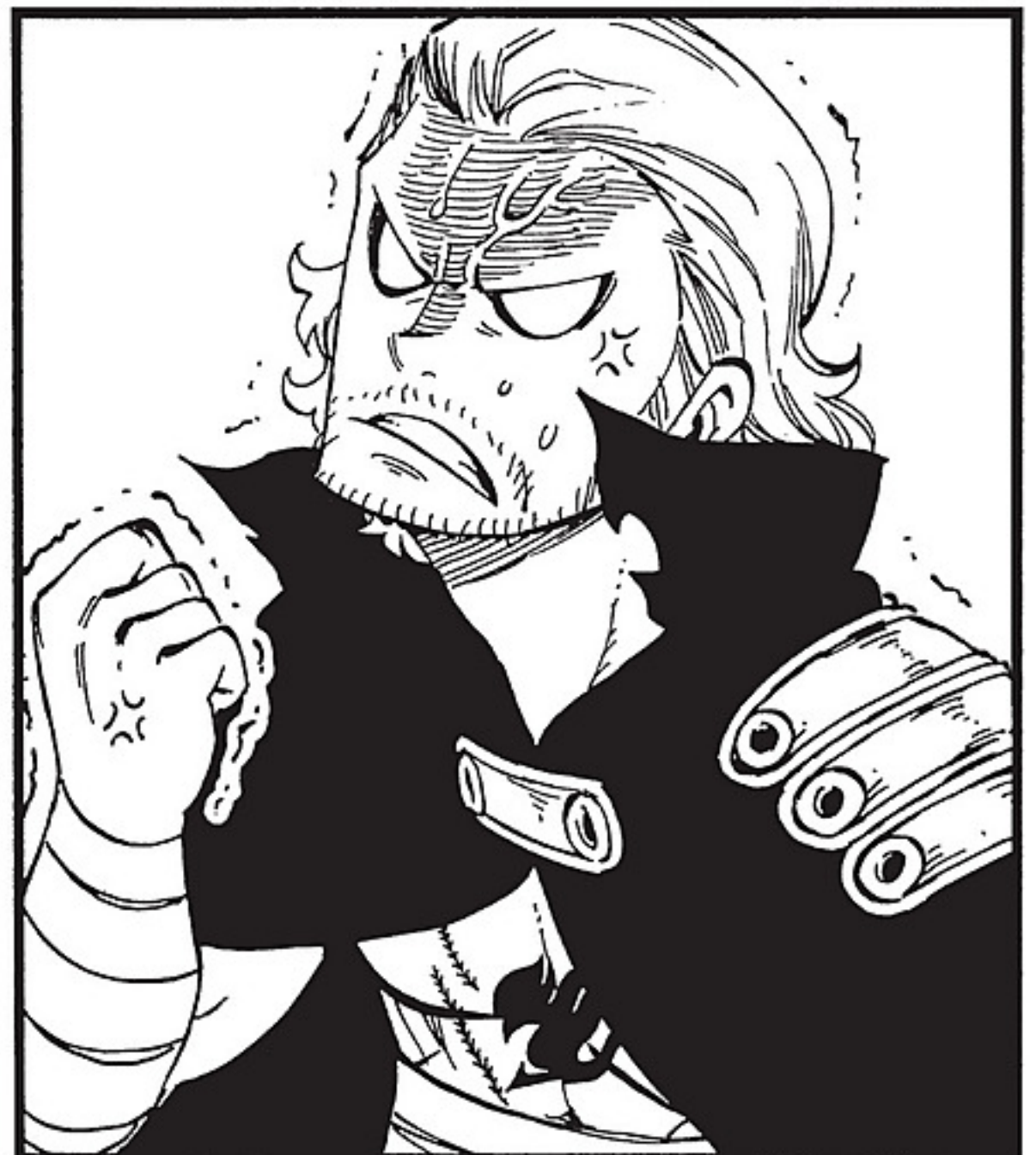
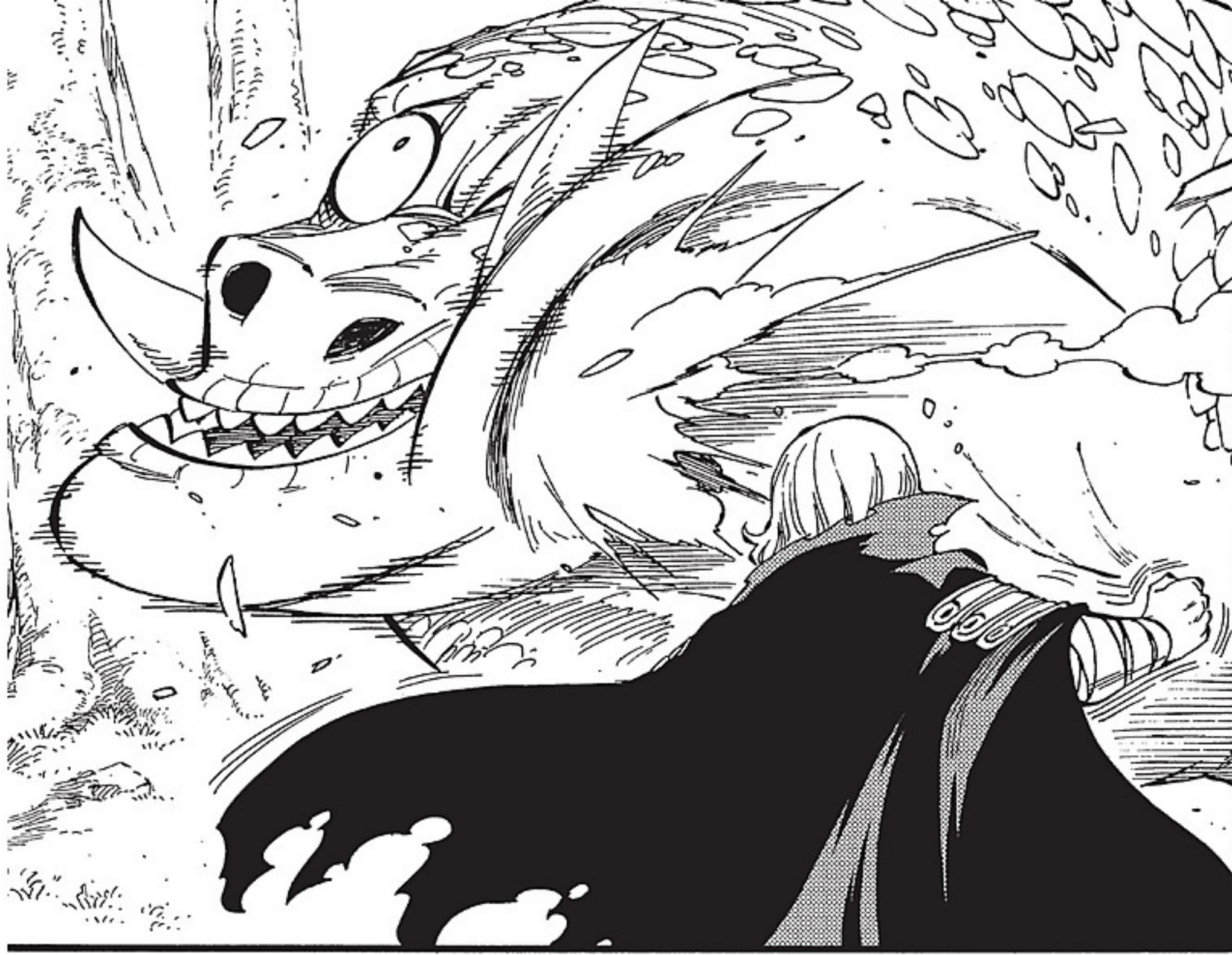
FAIRY TAIL

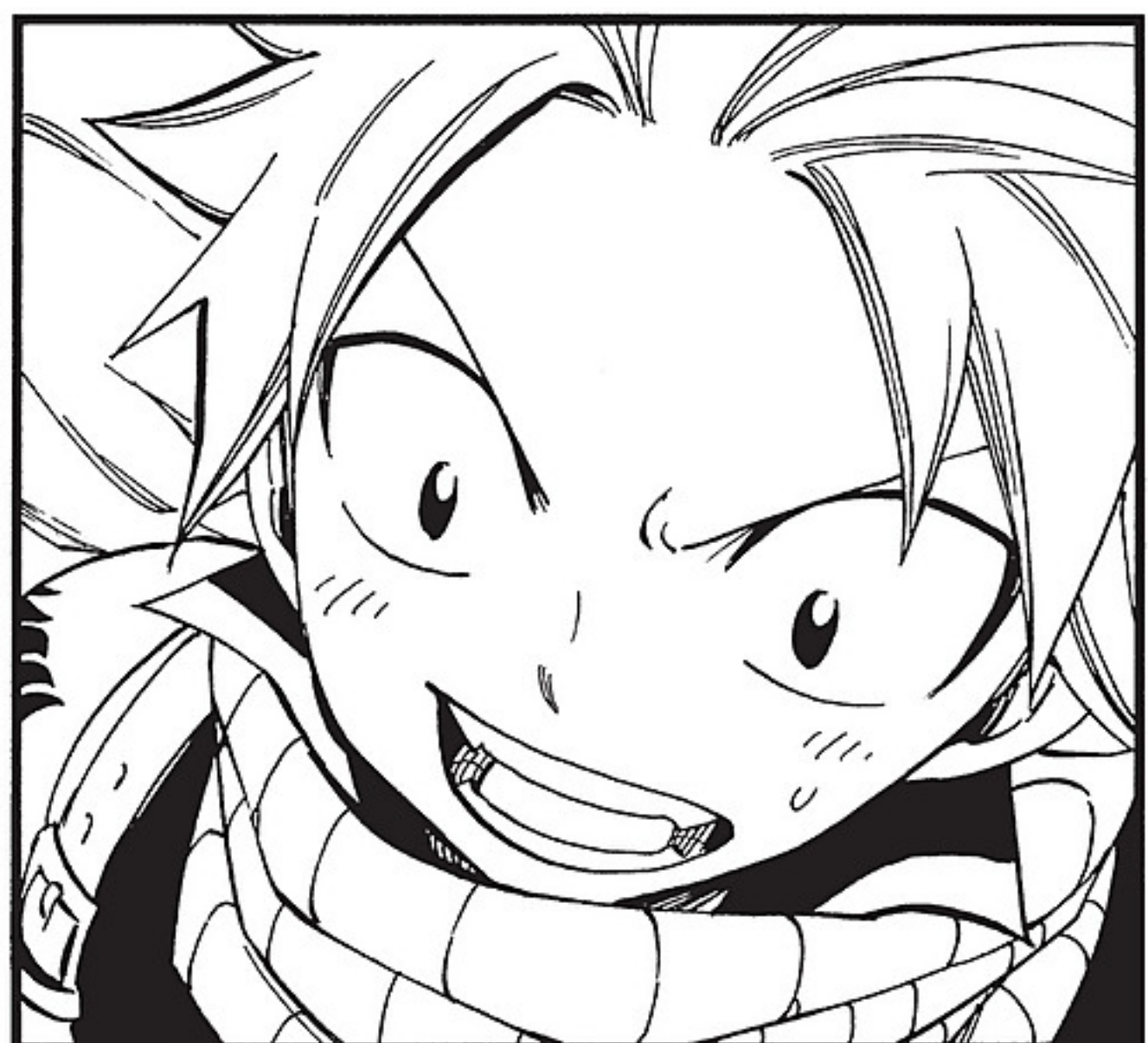
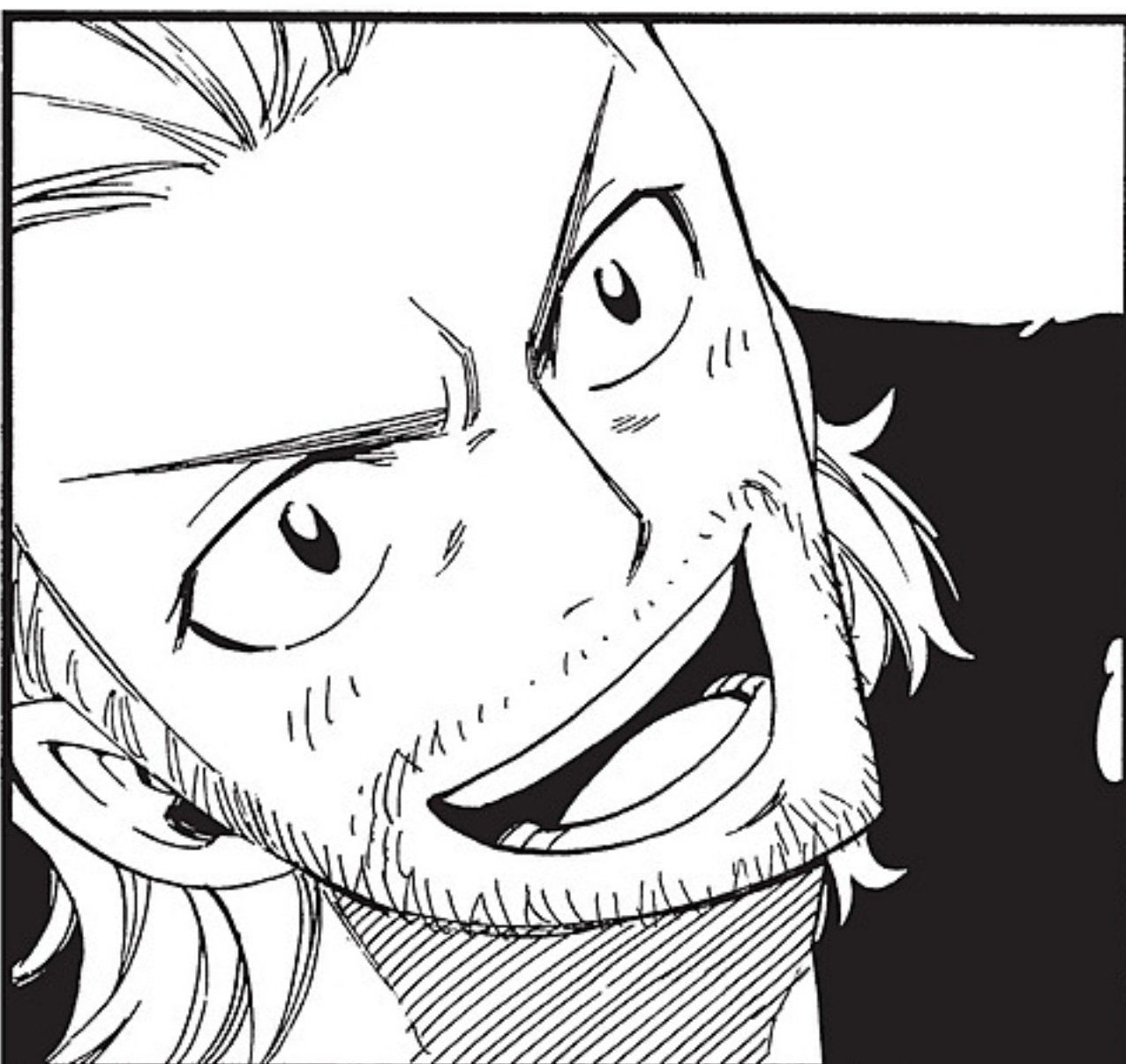
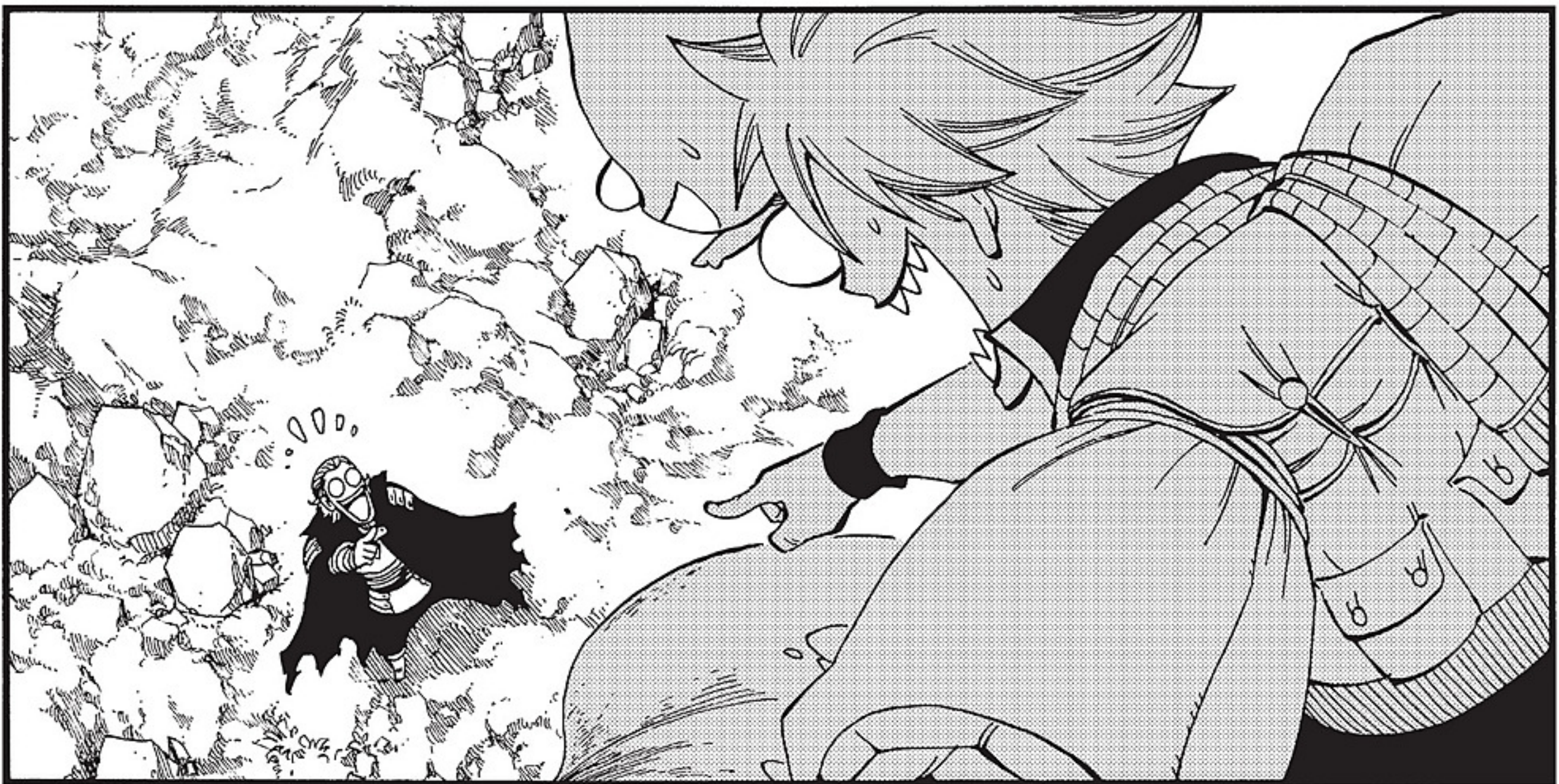
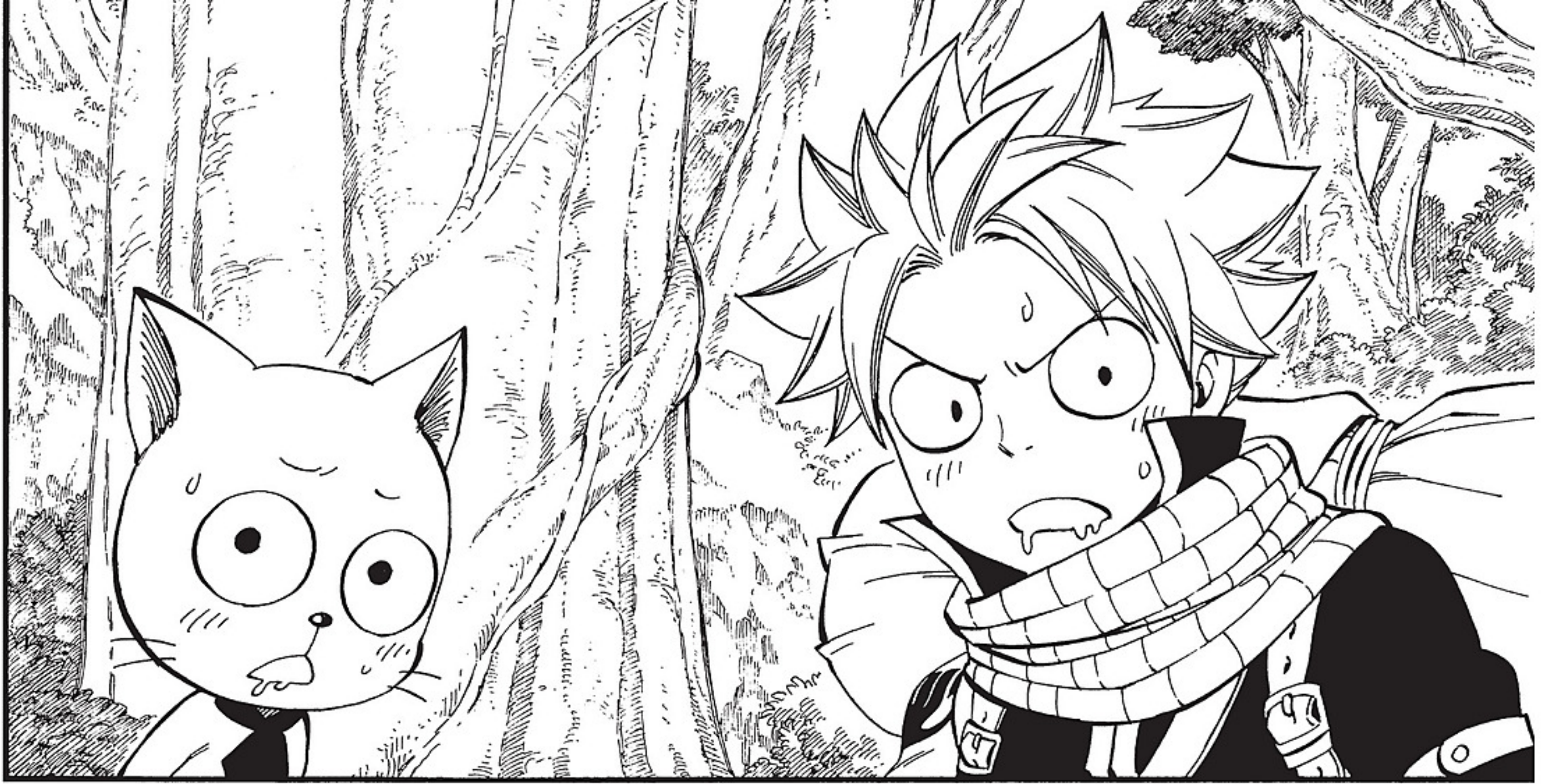
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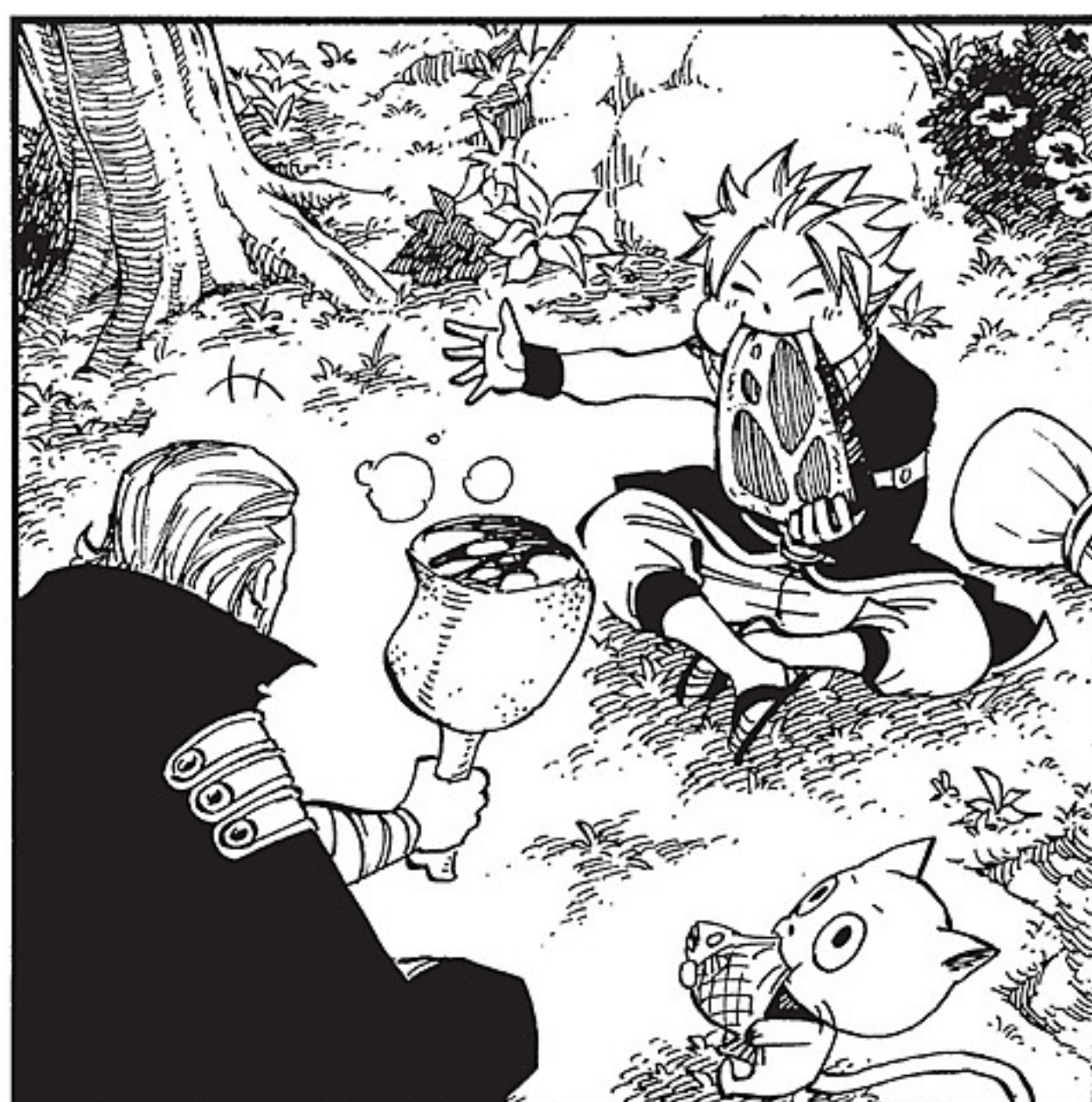
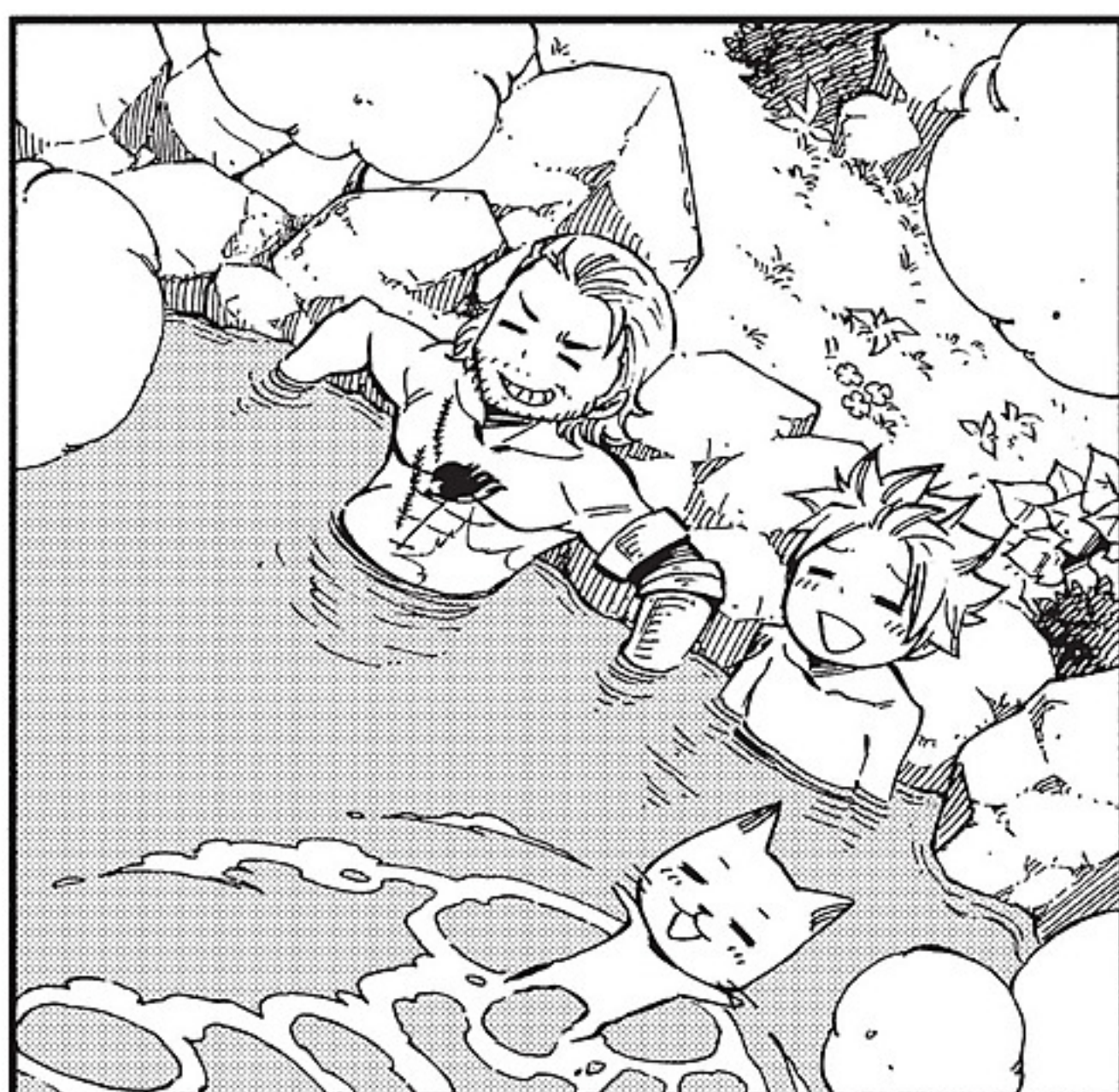
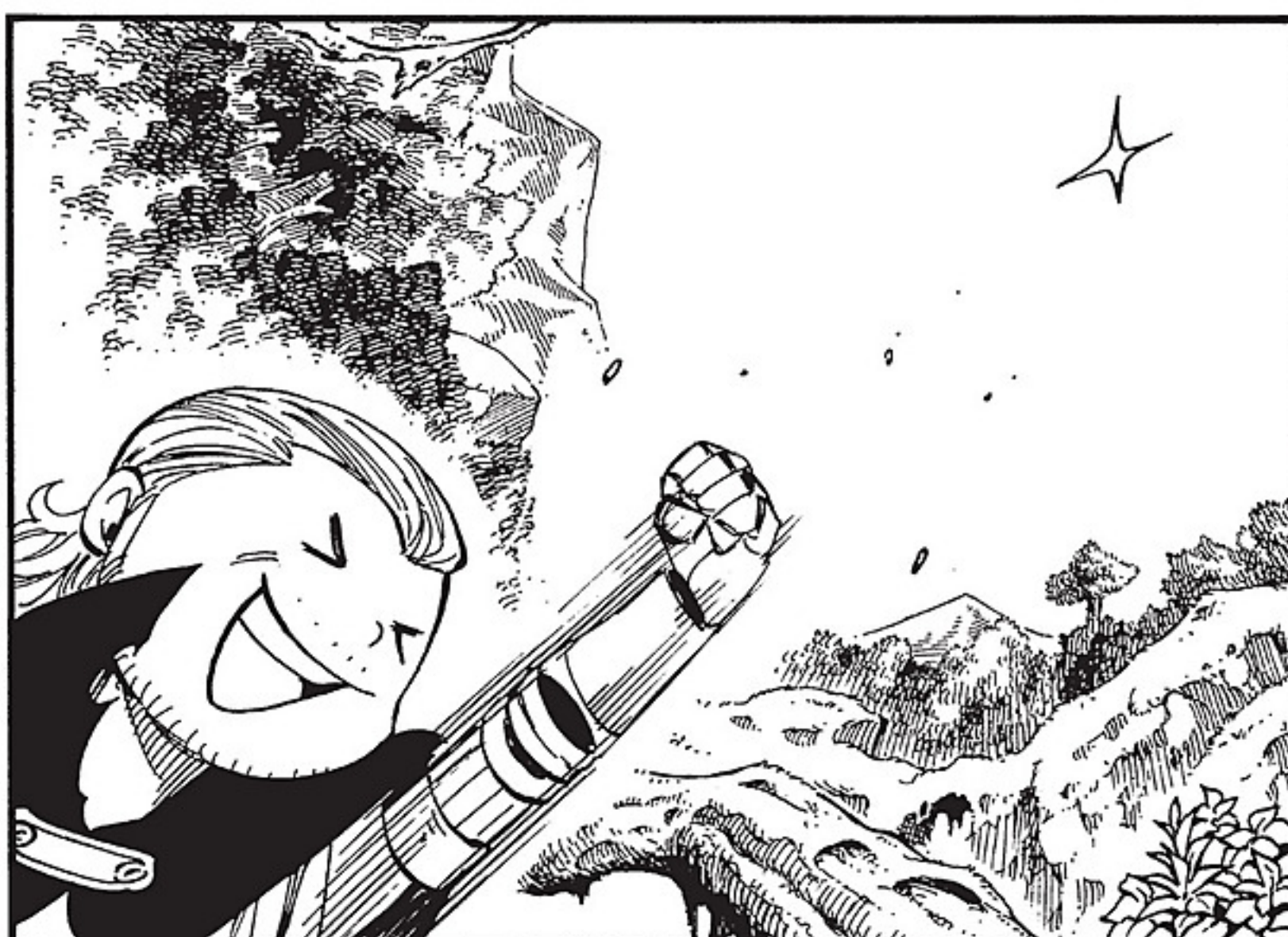
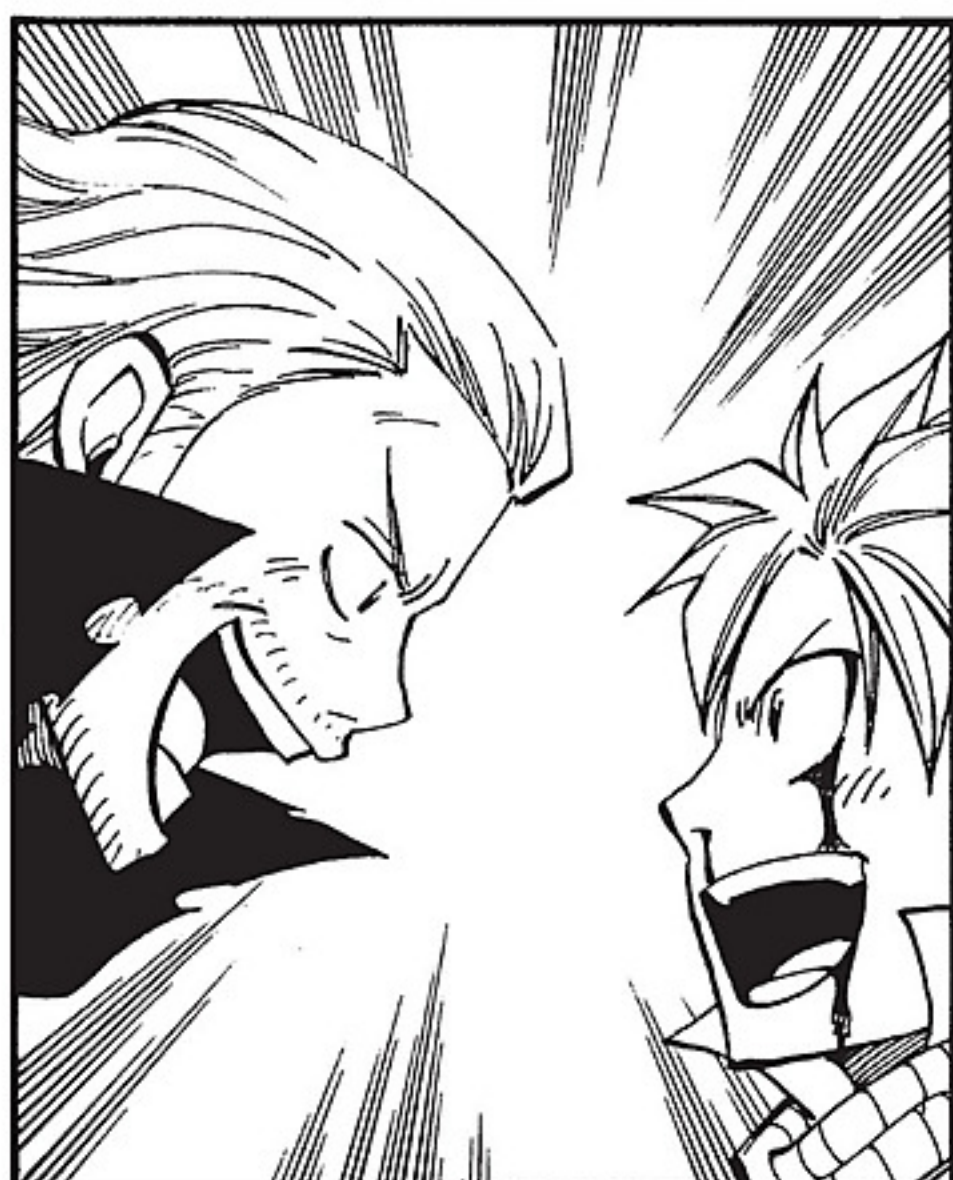
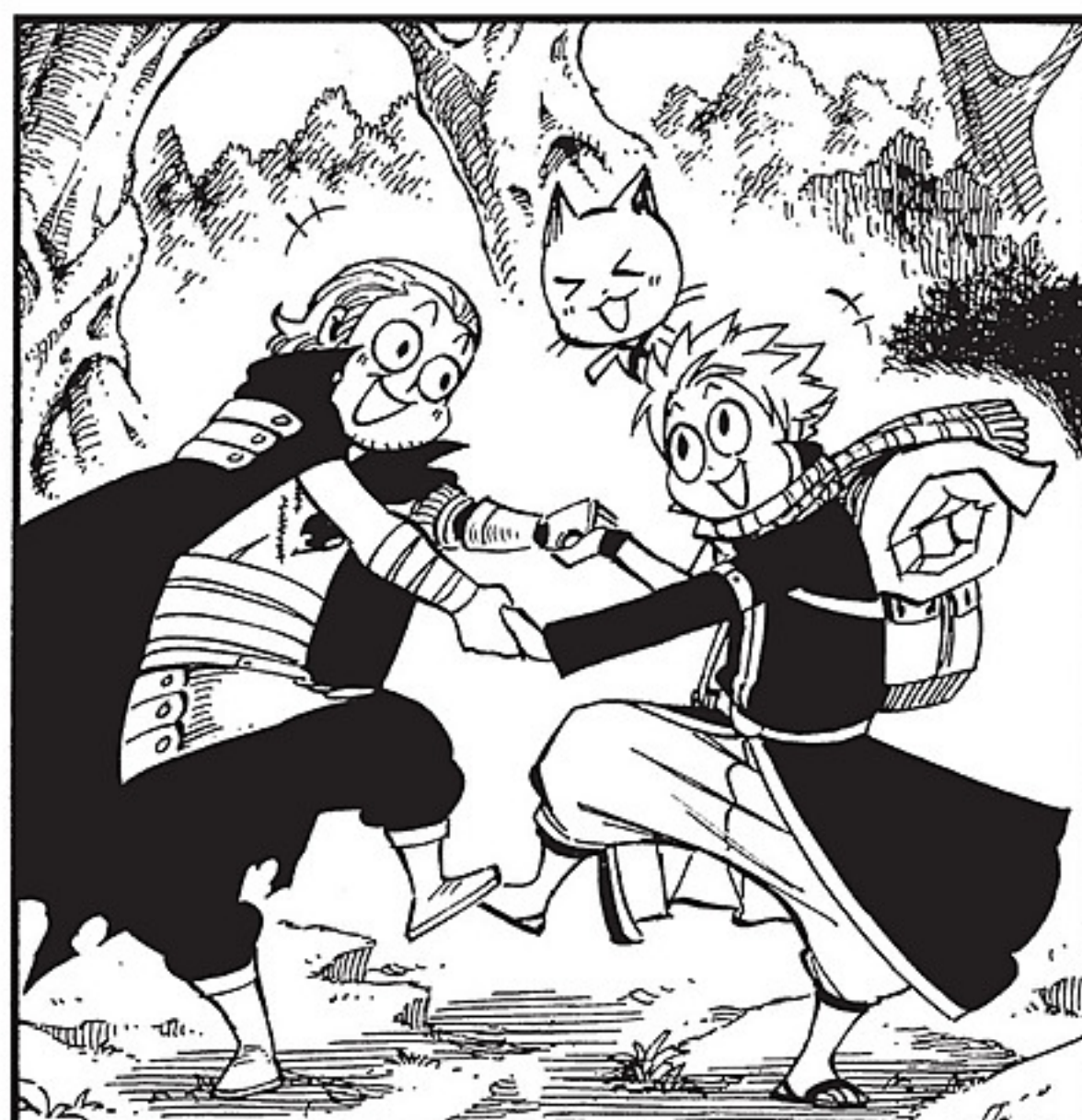
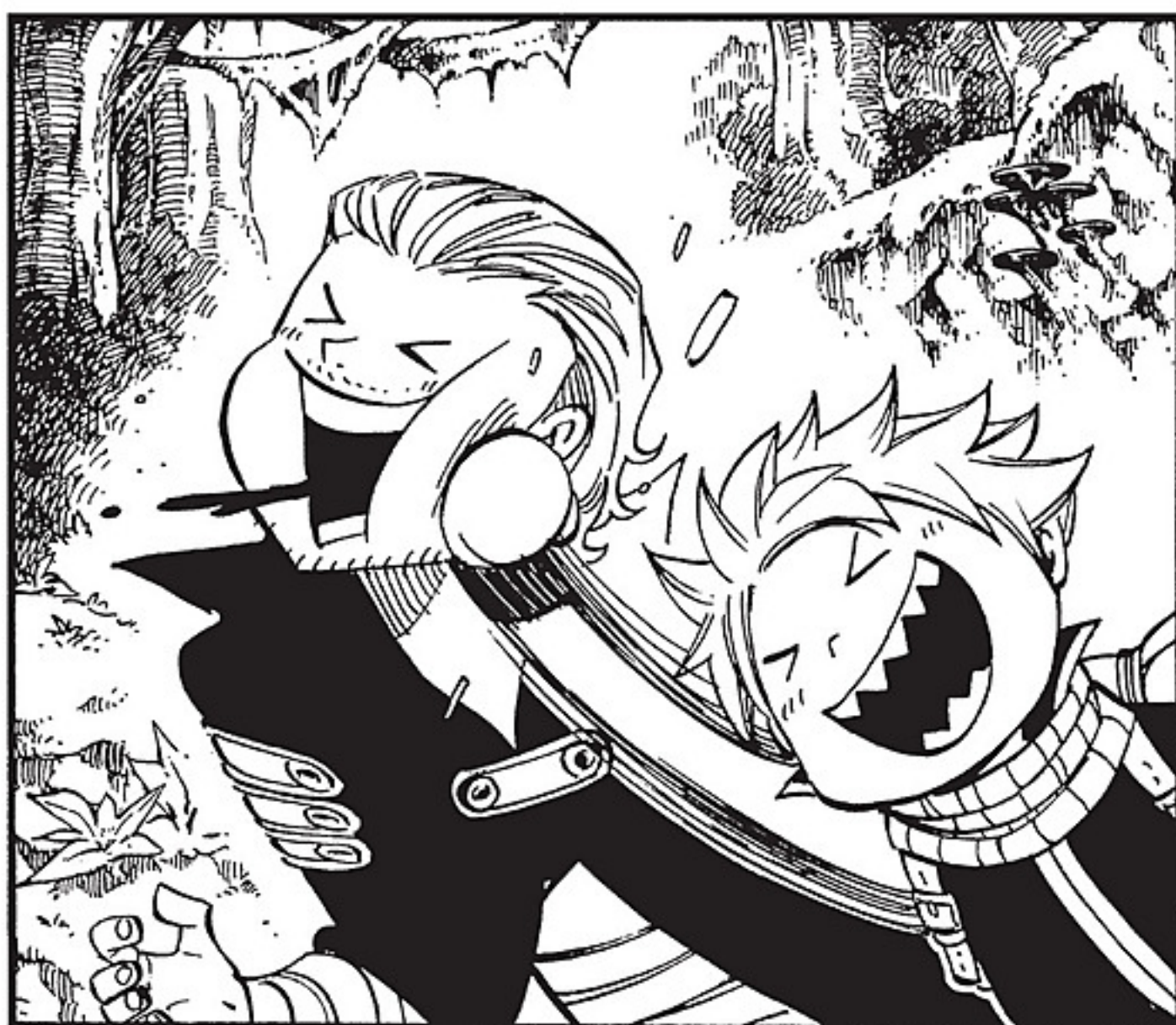
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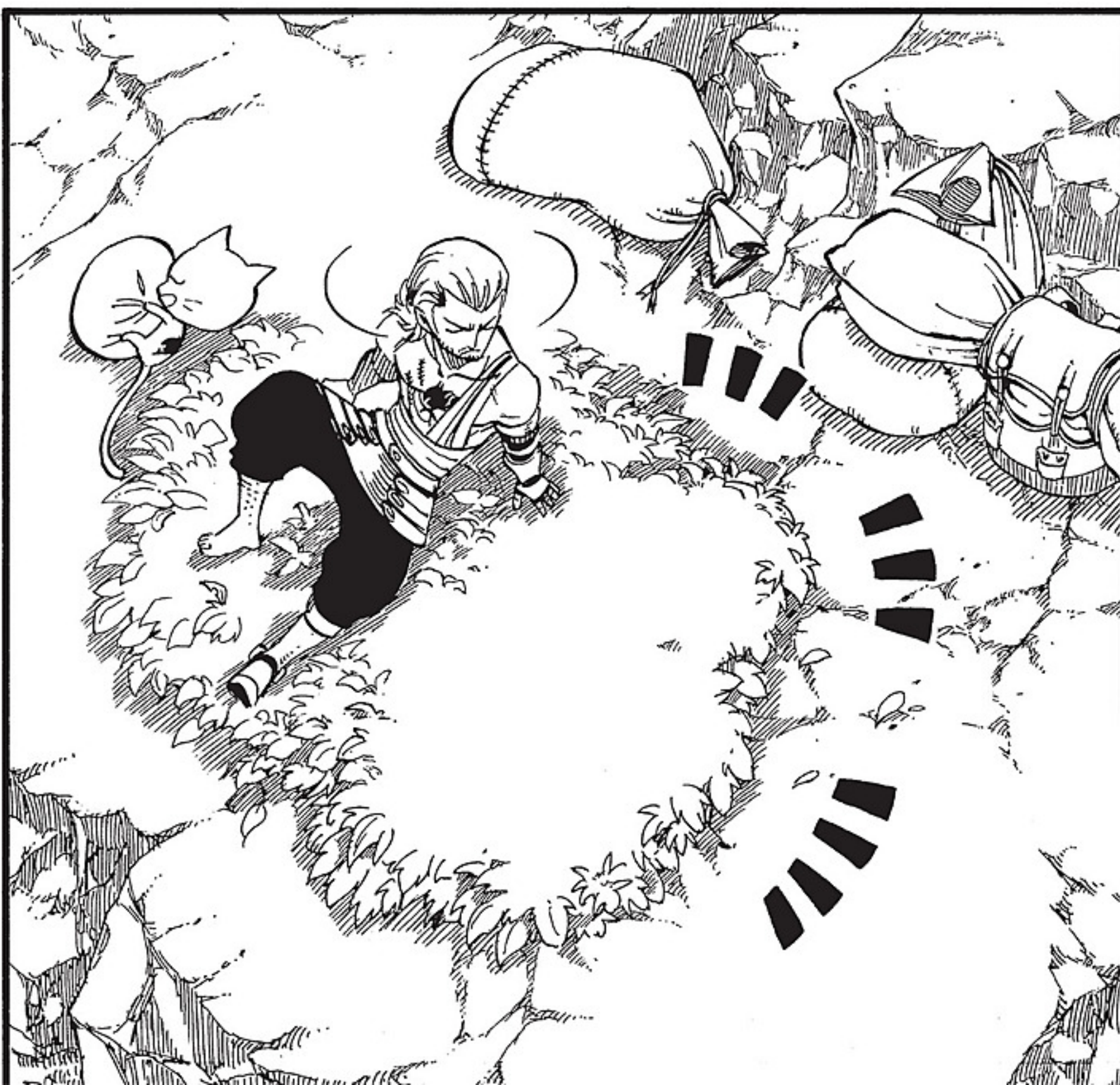
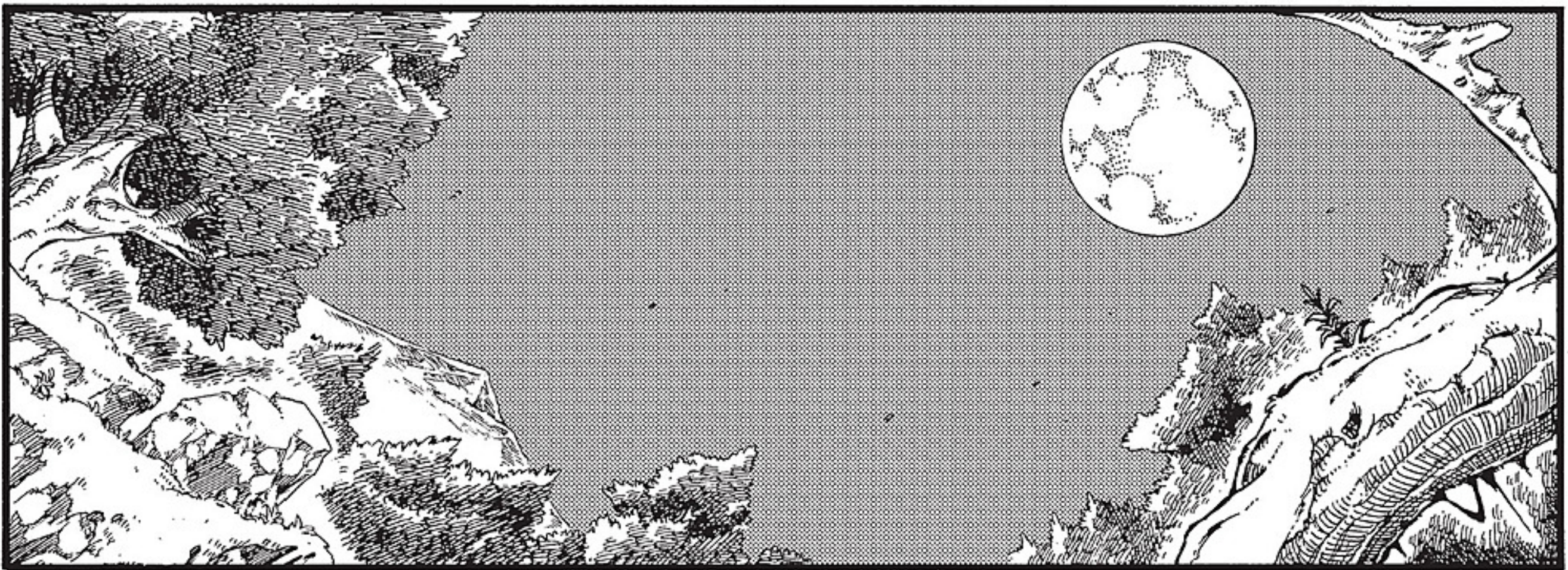
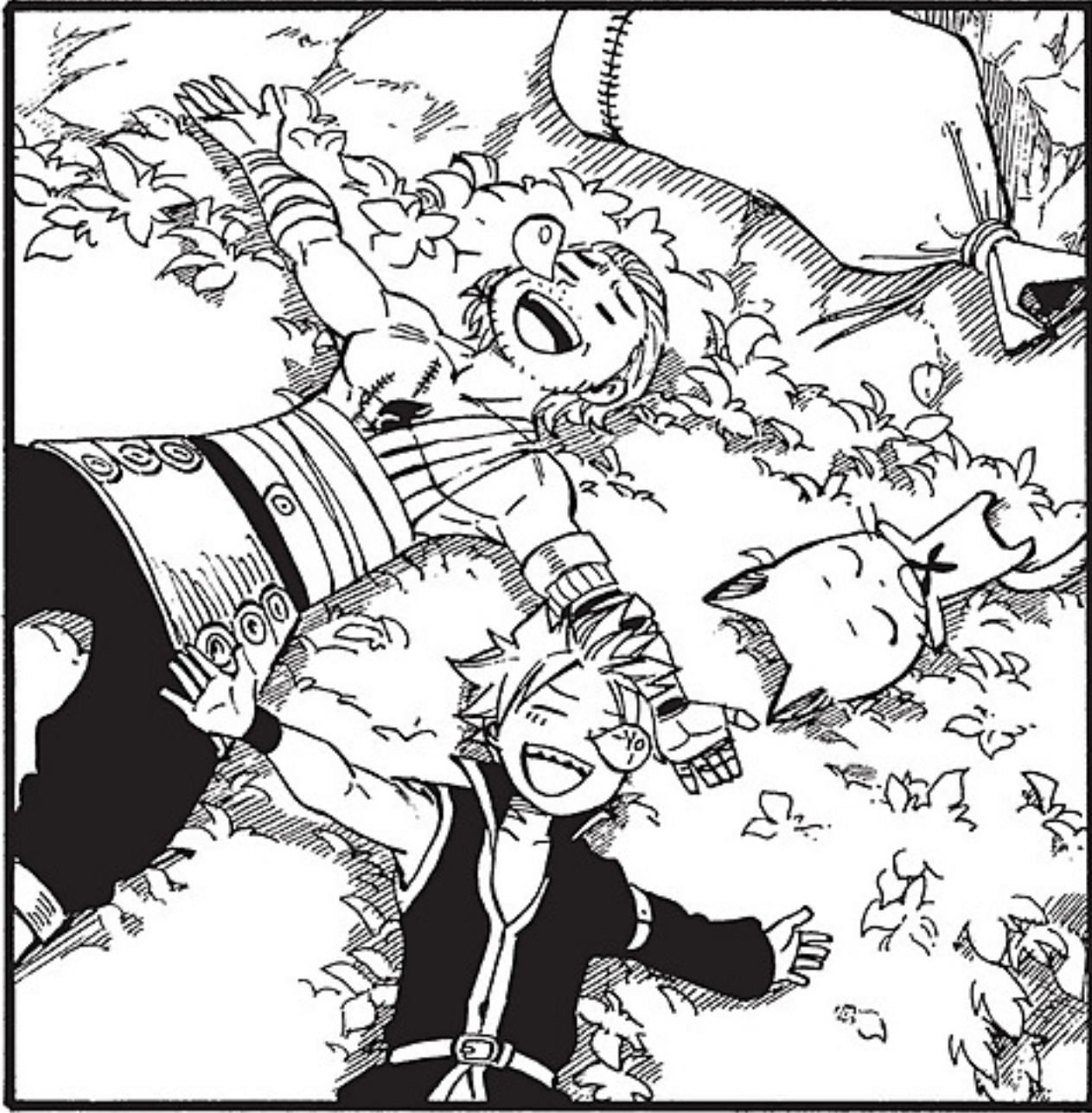


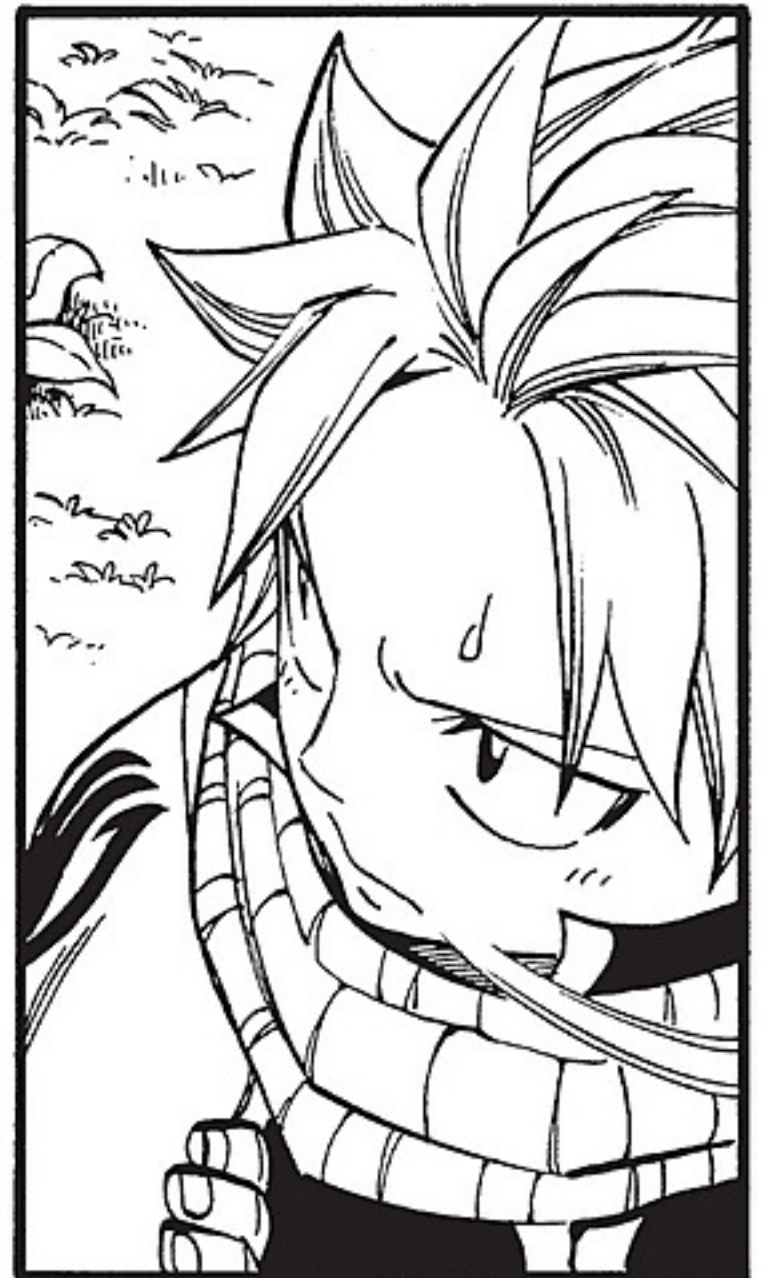
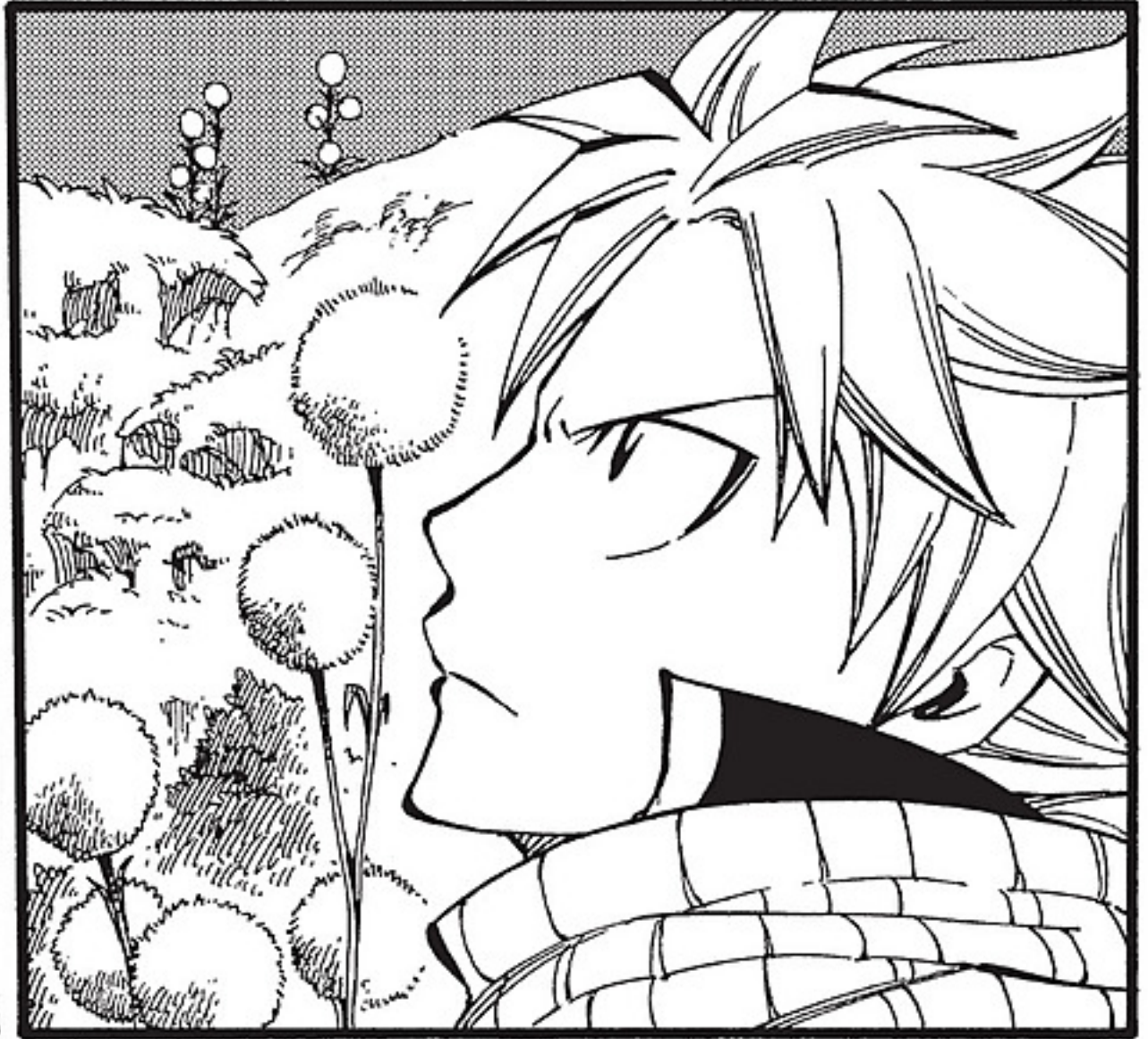
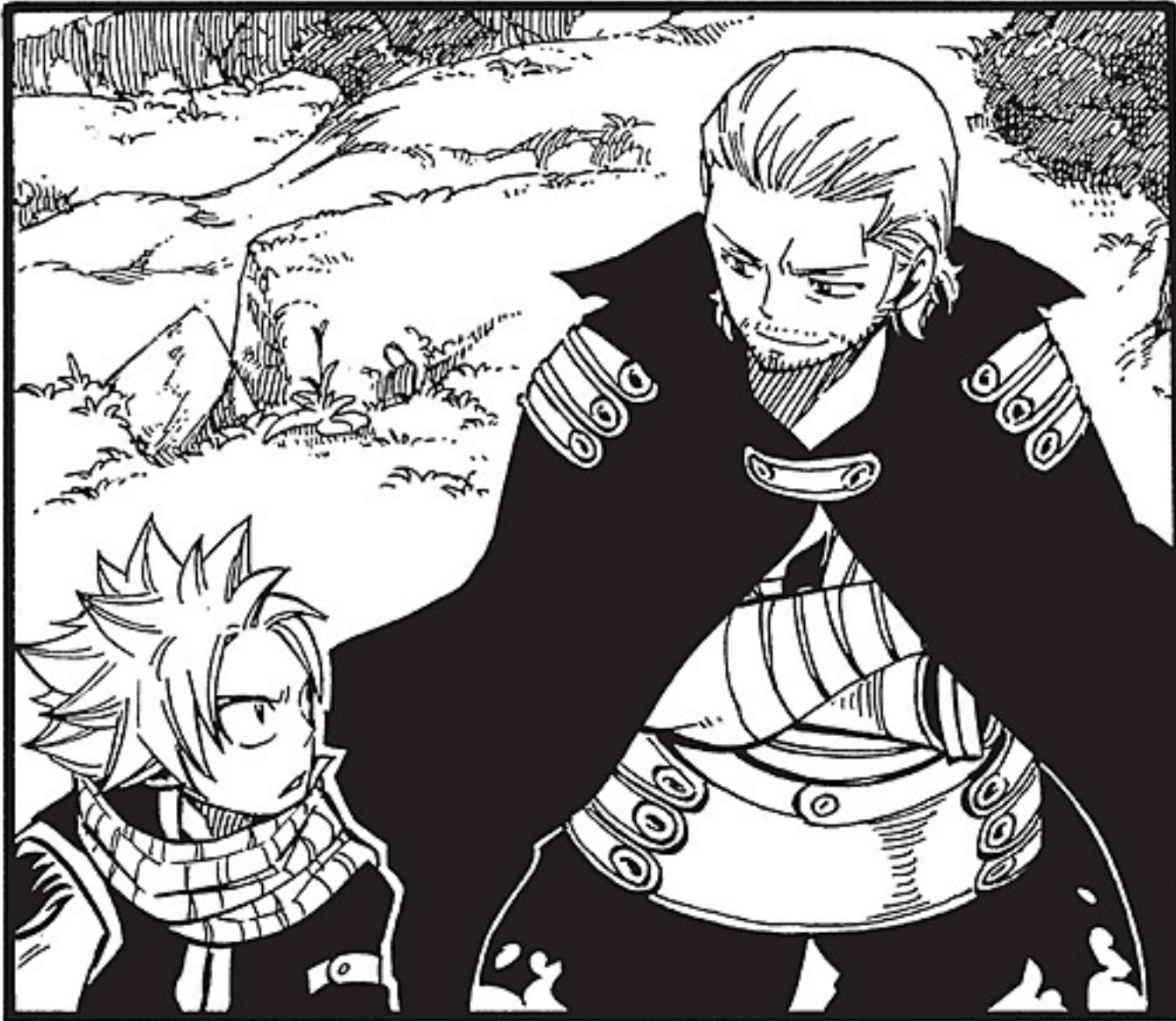
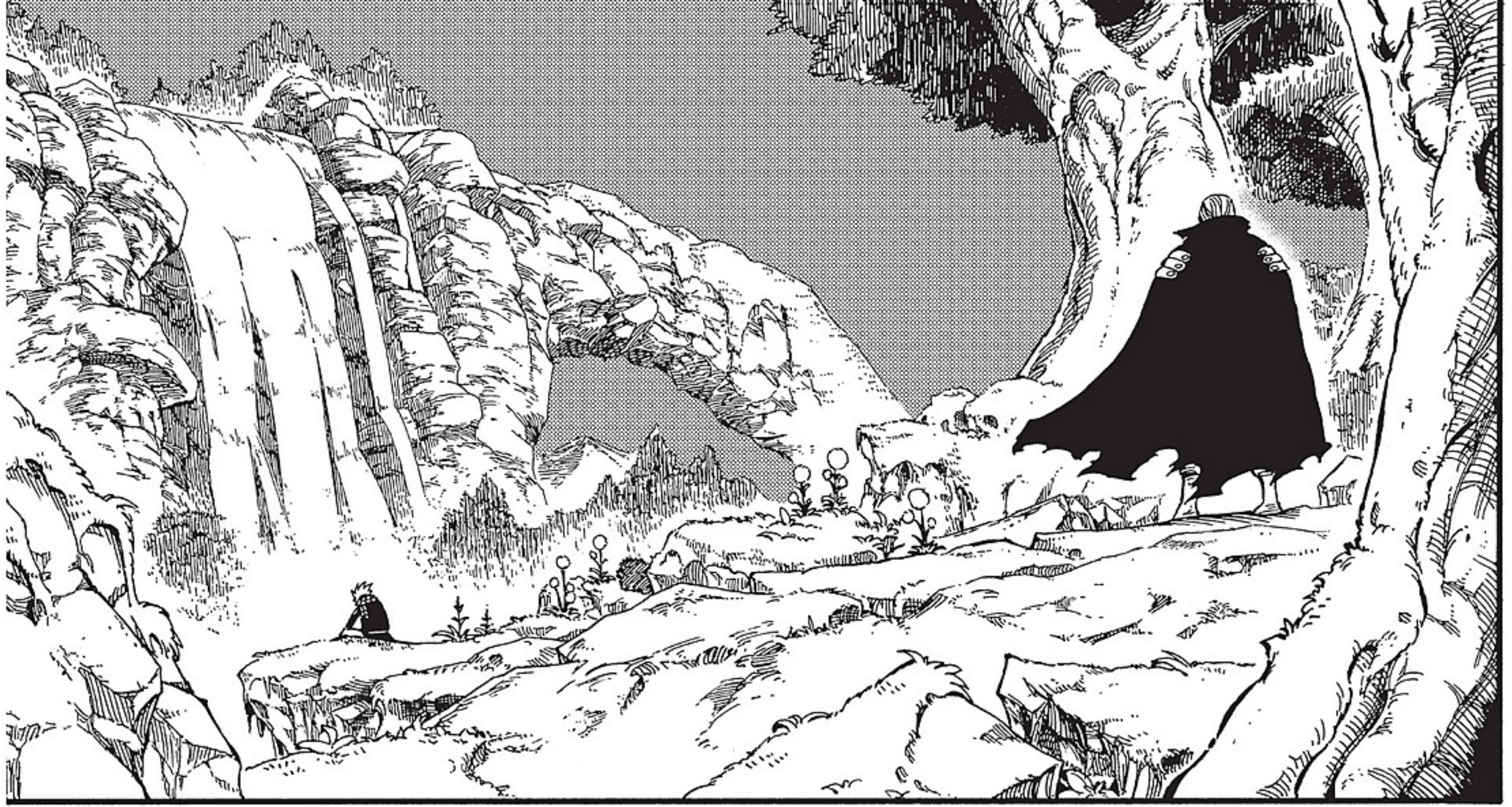


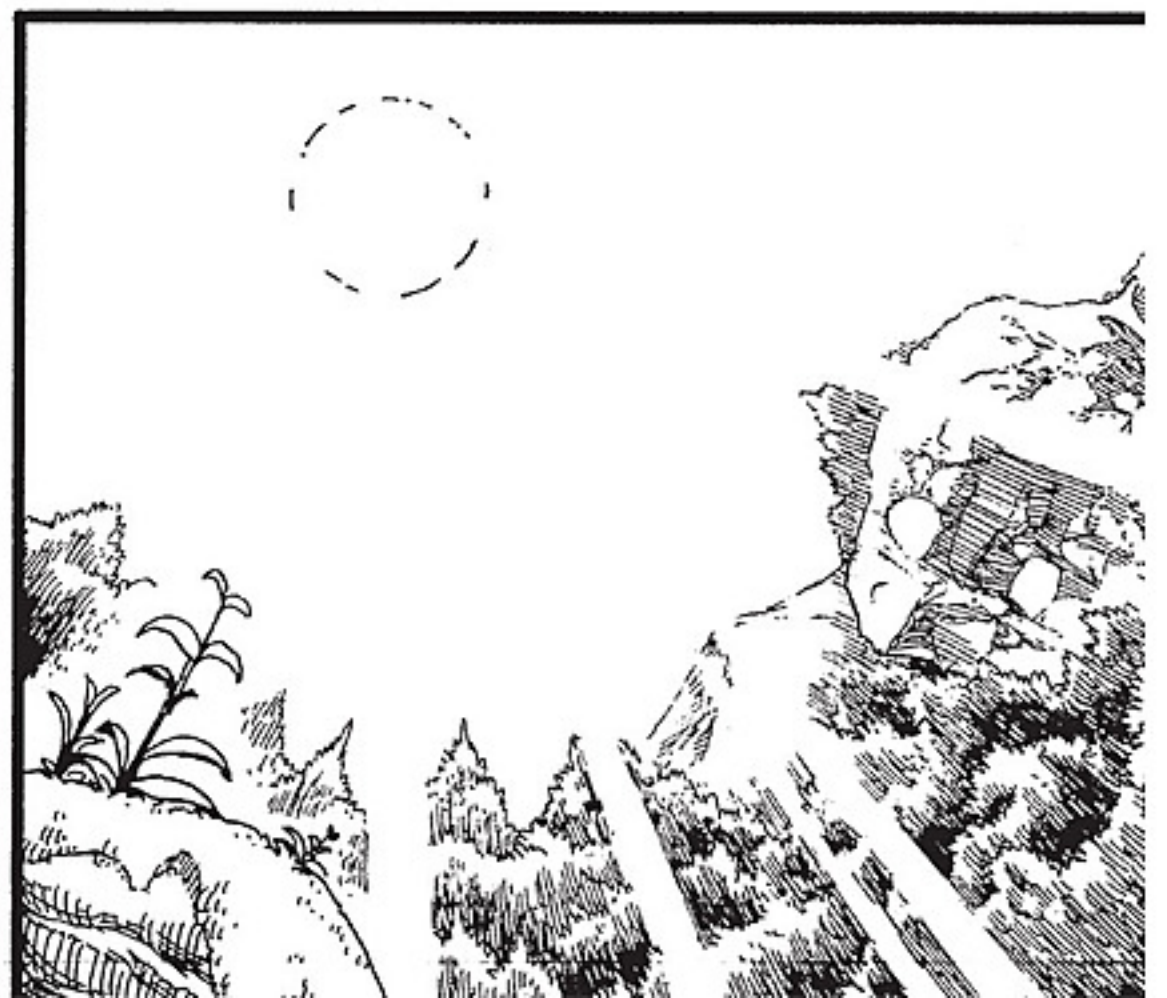
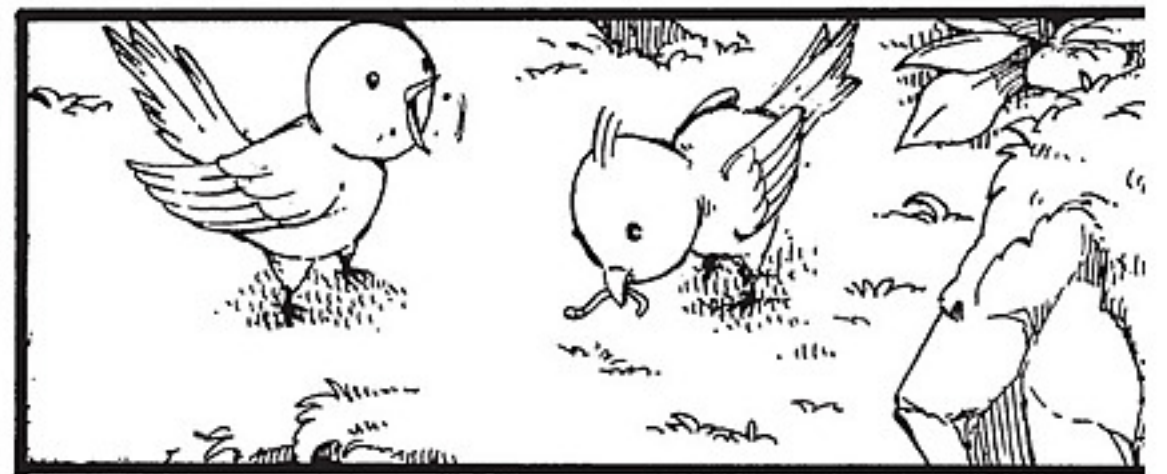
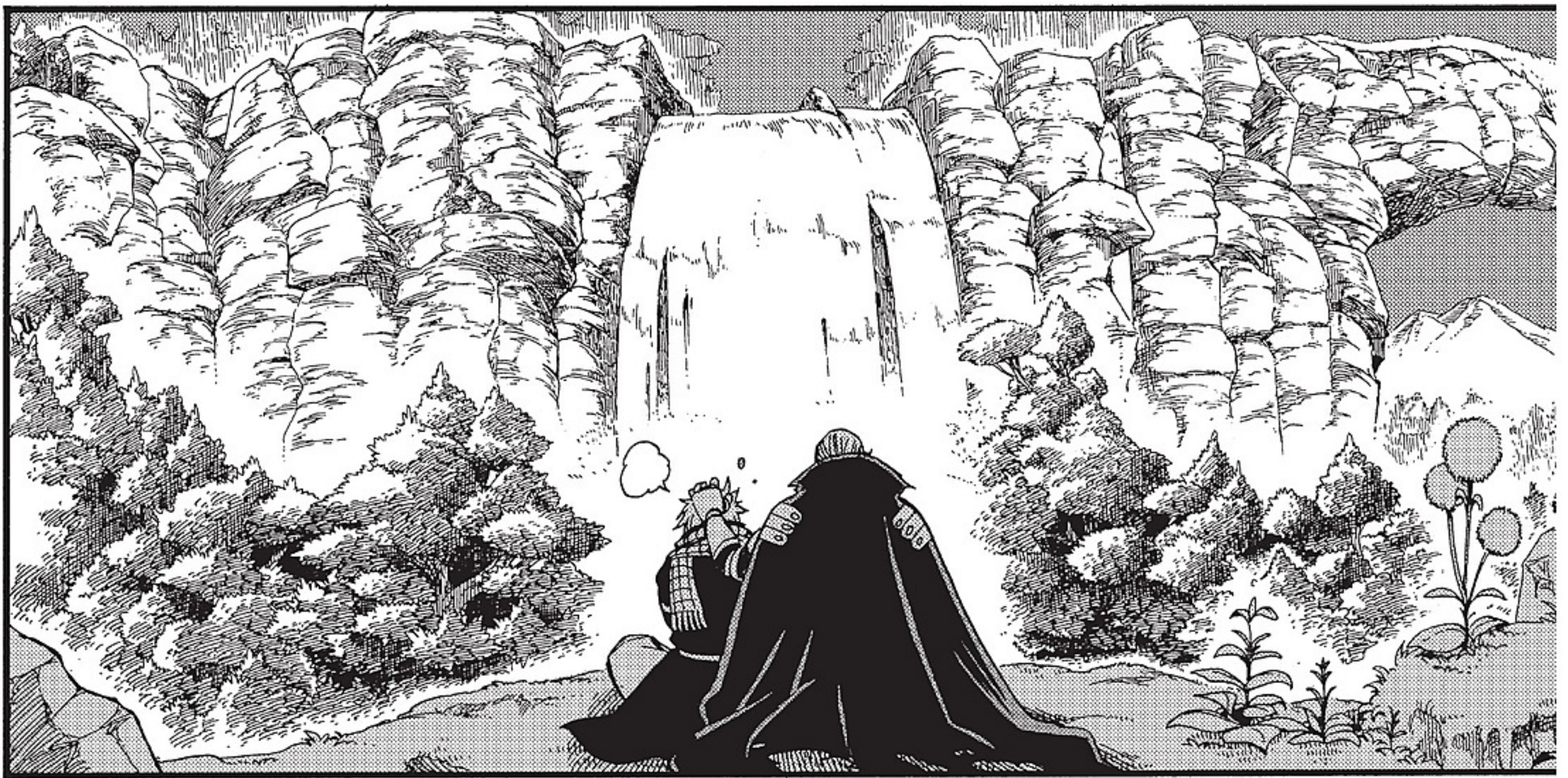
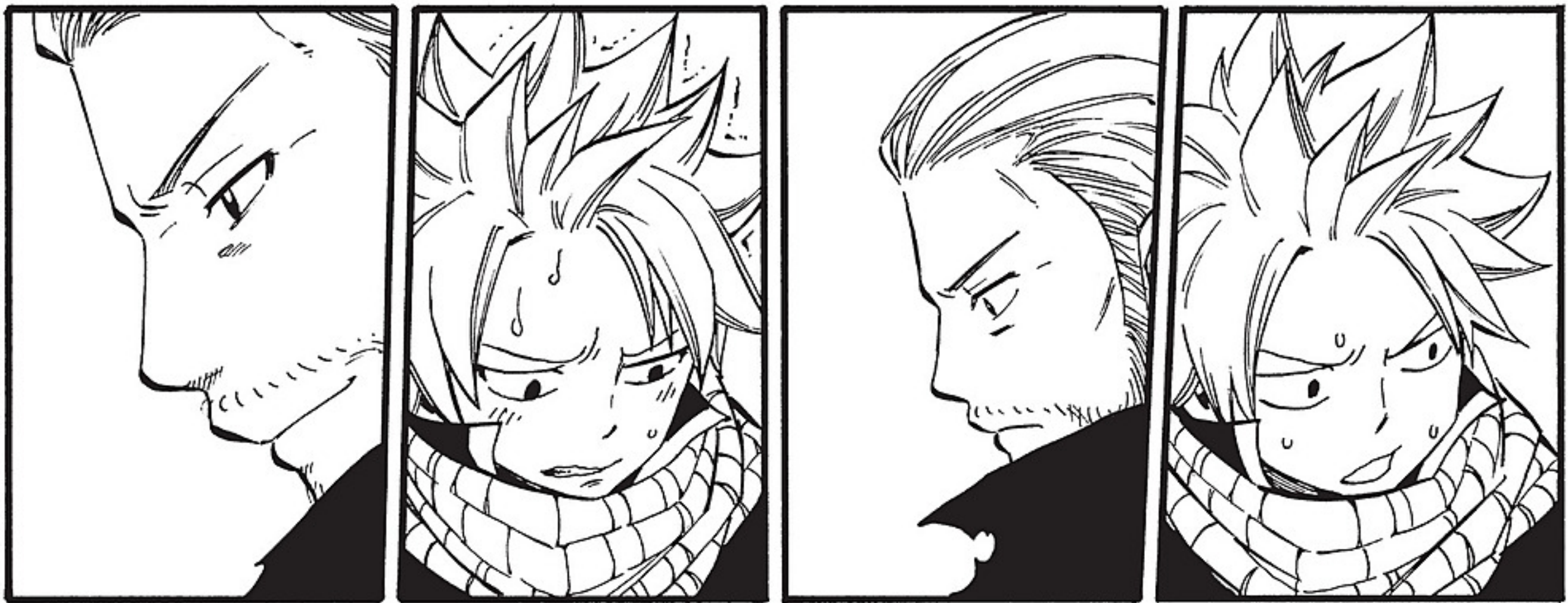


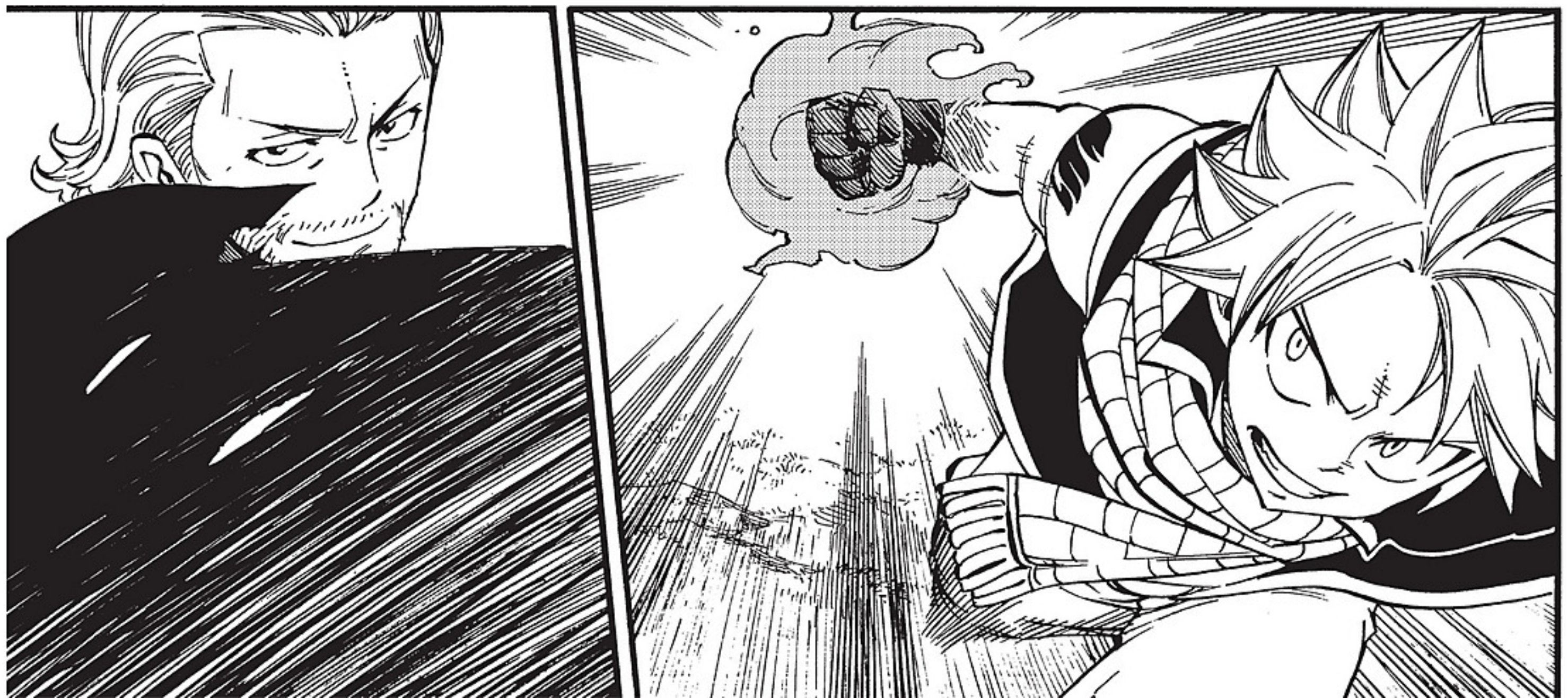
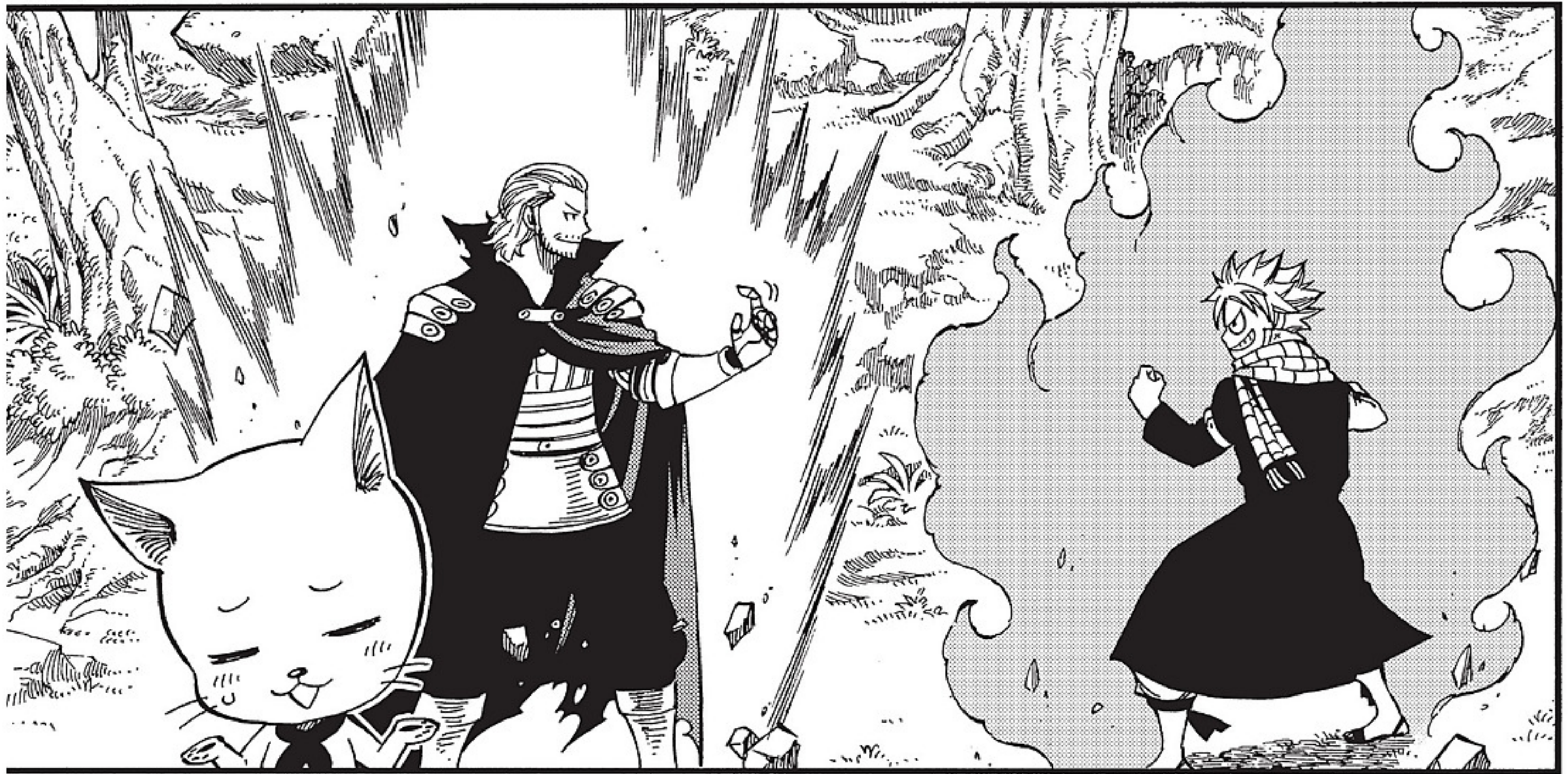
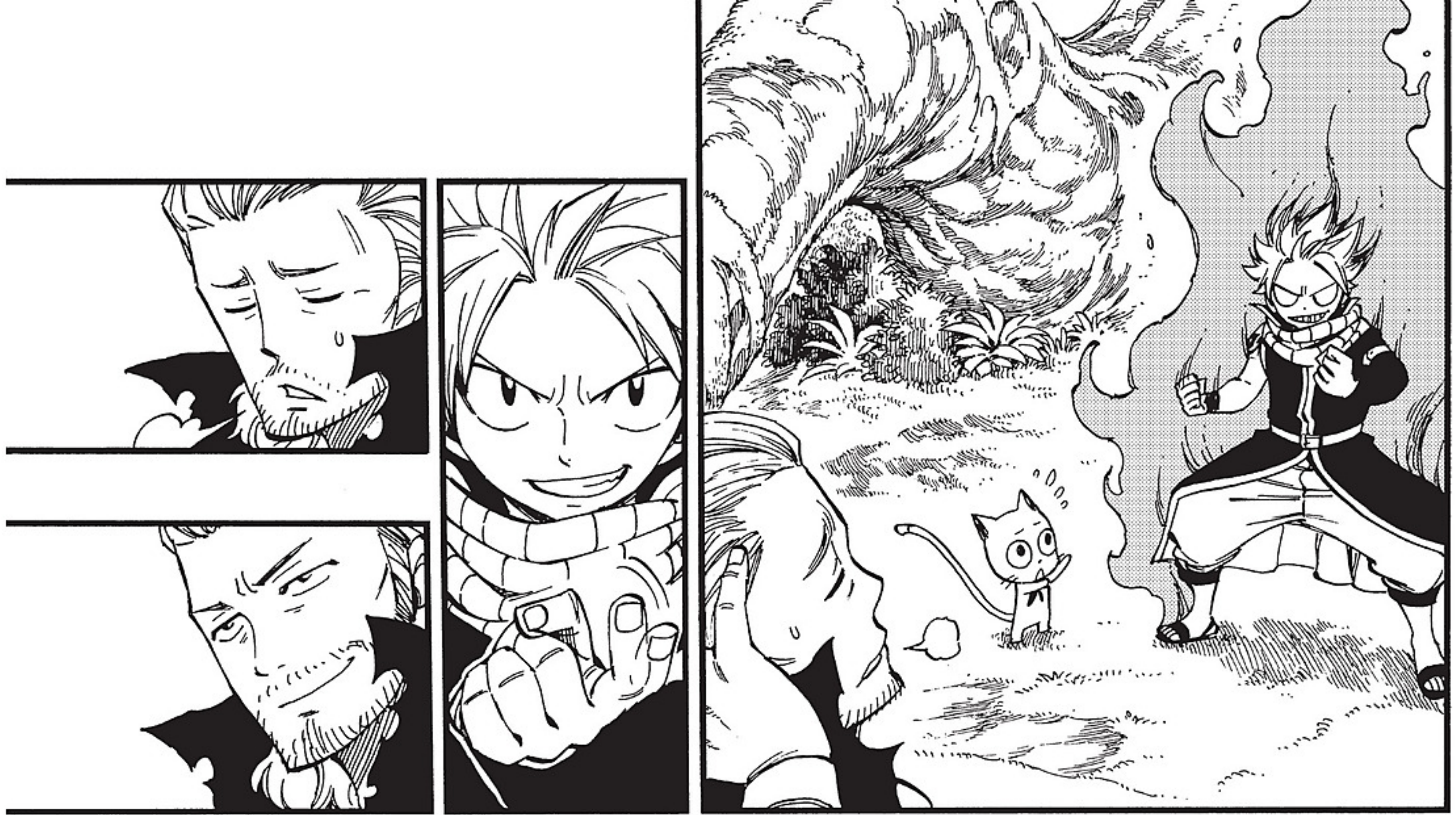


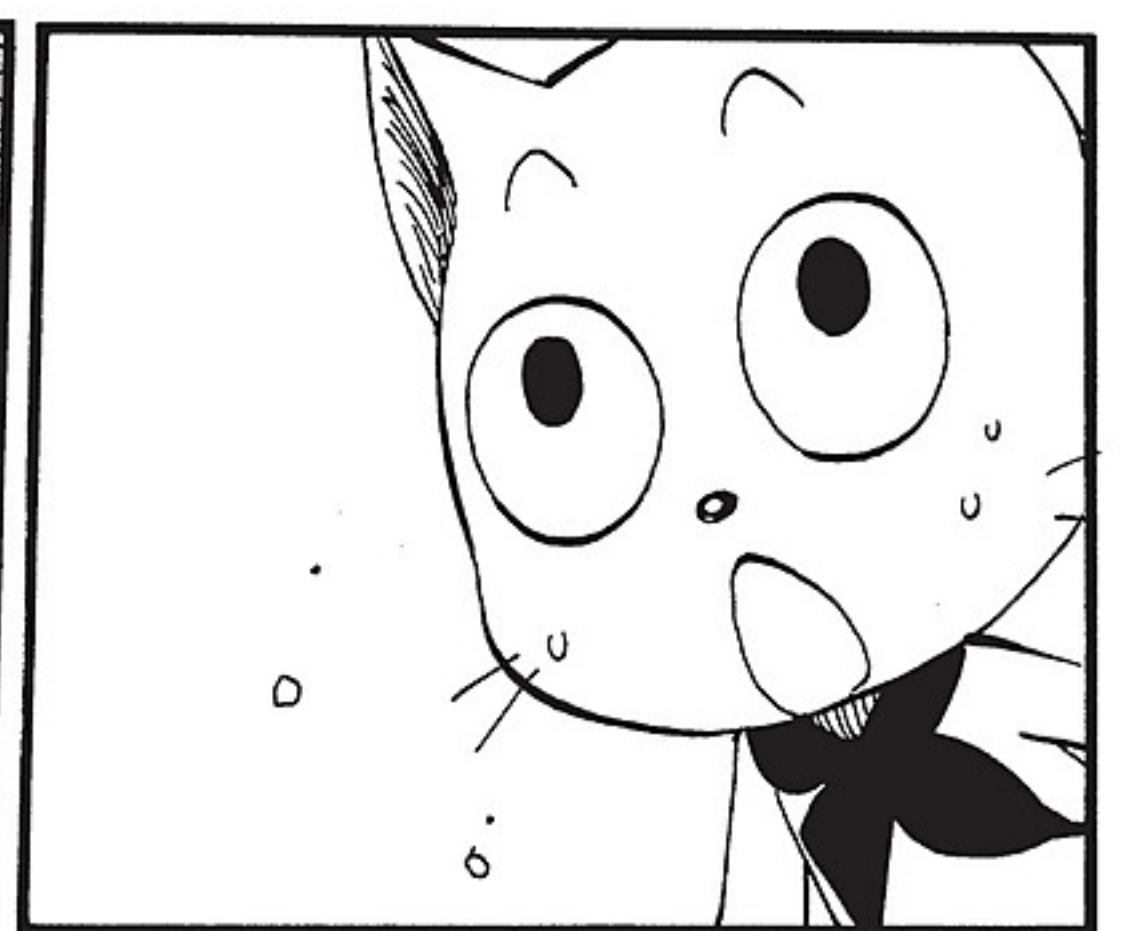
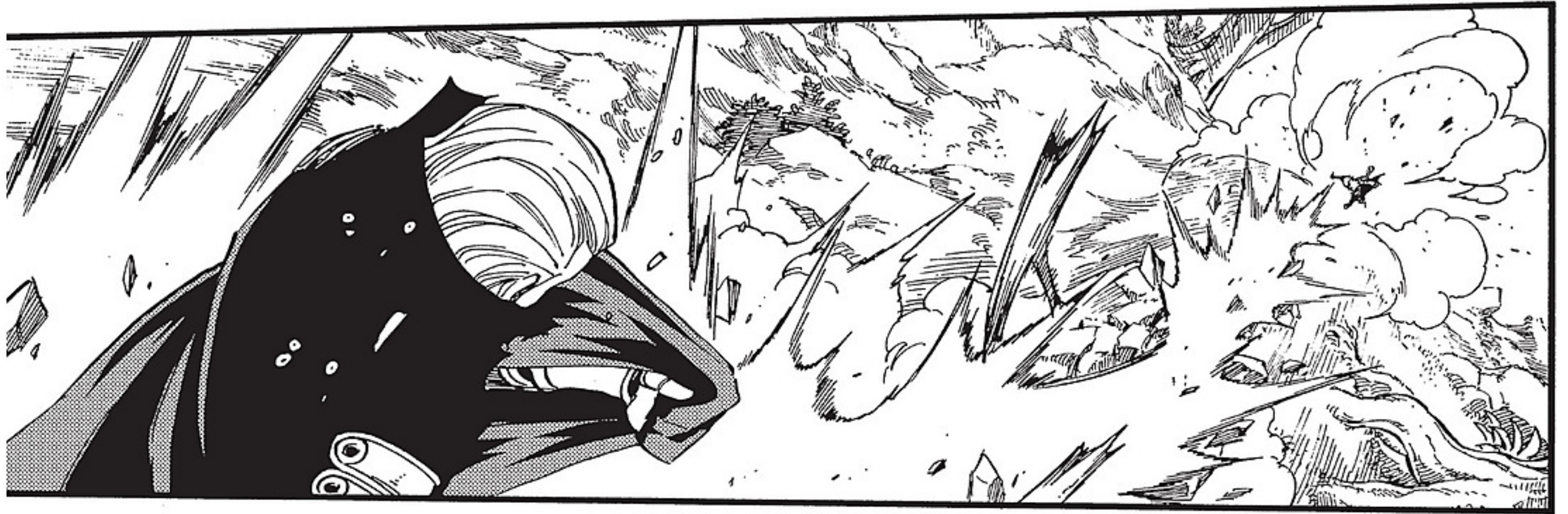


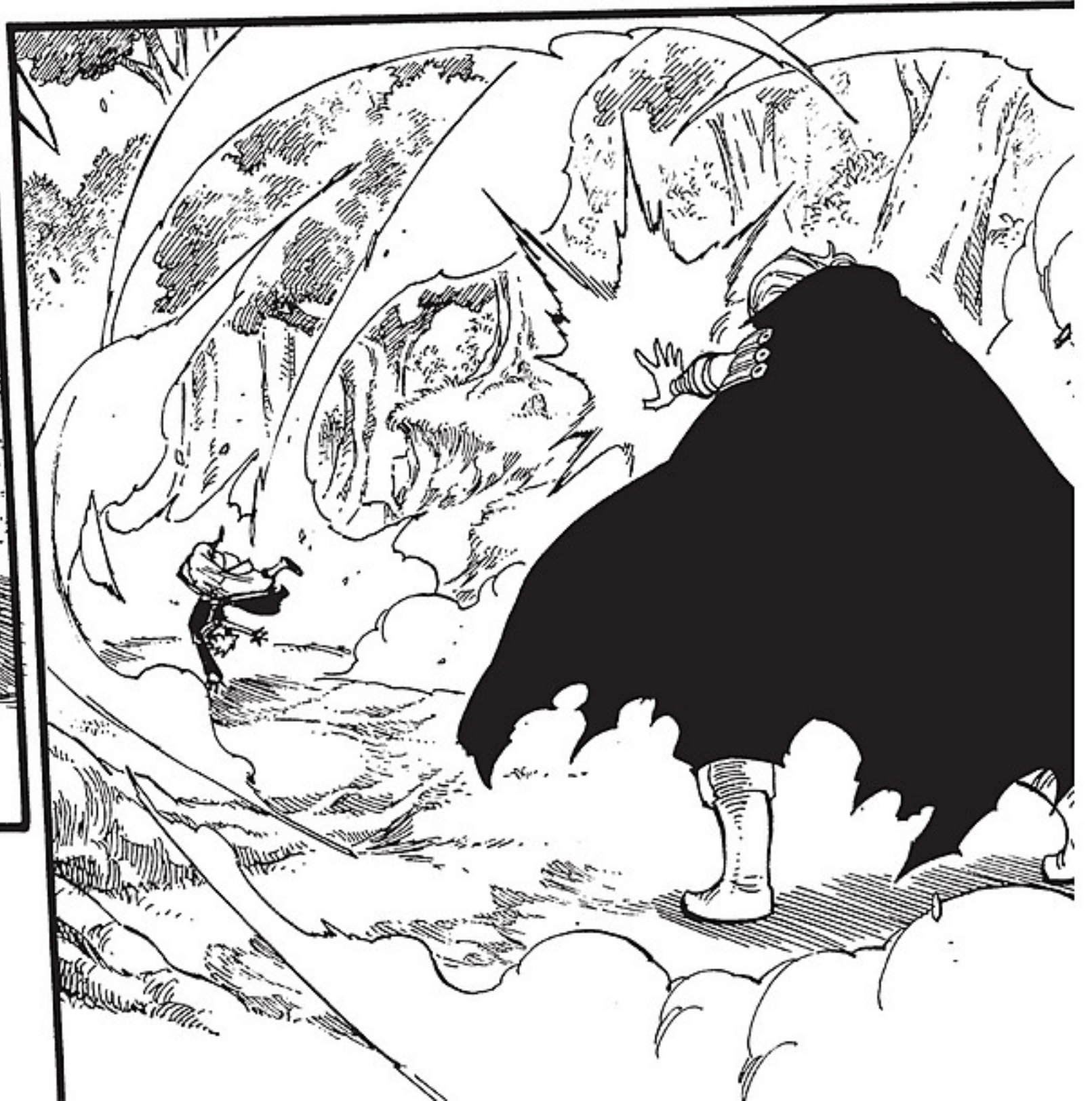
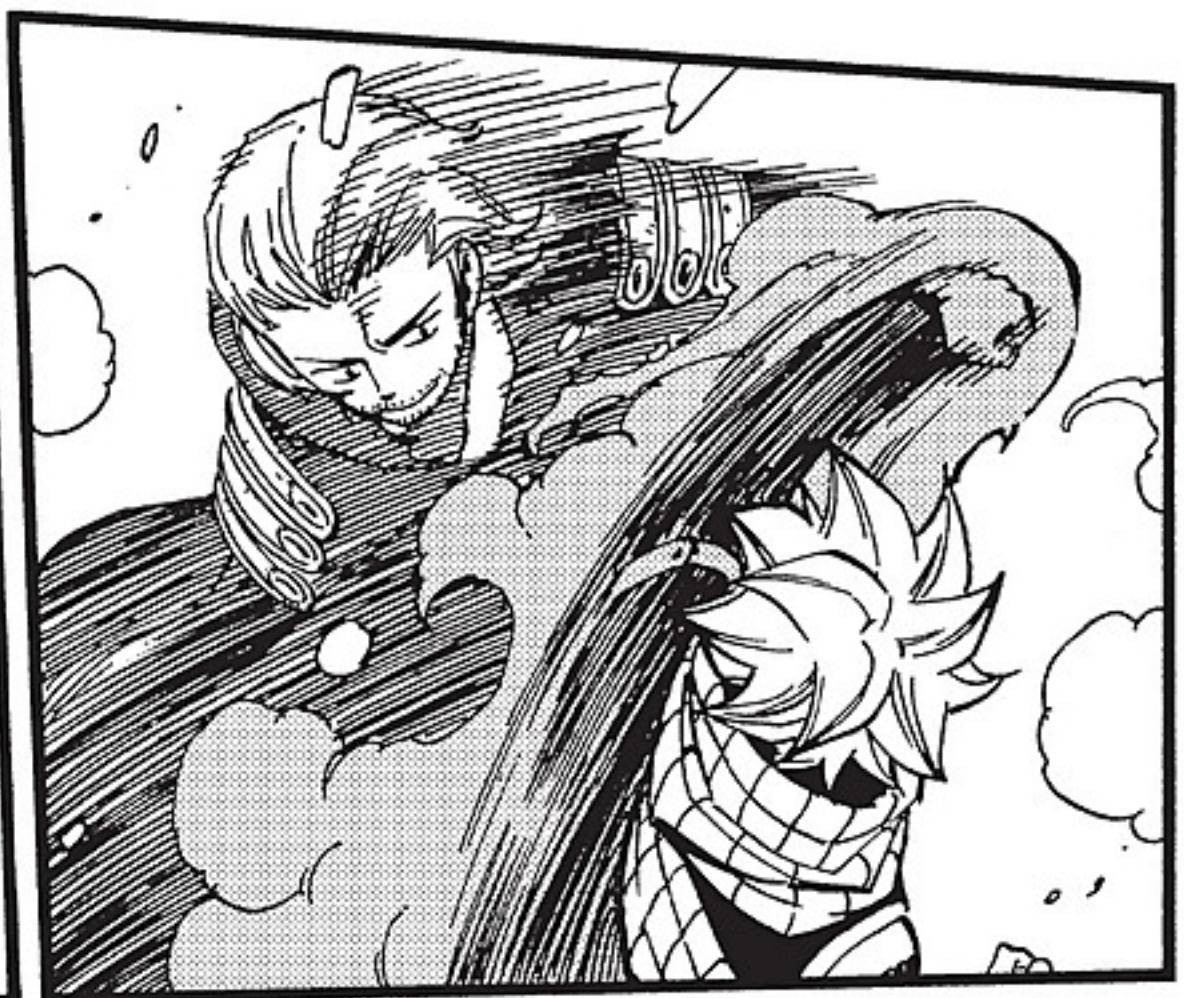
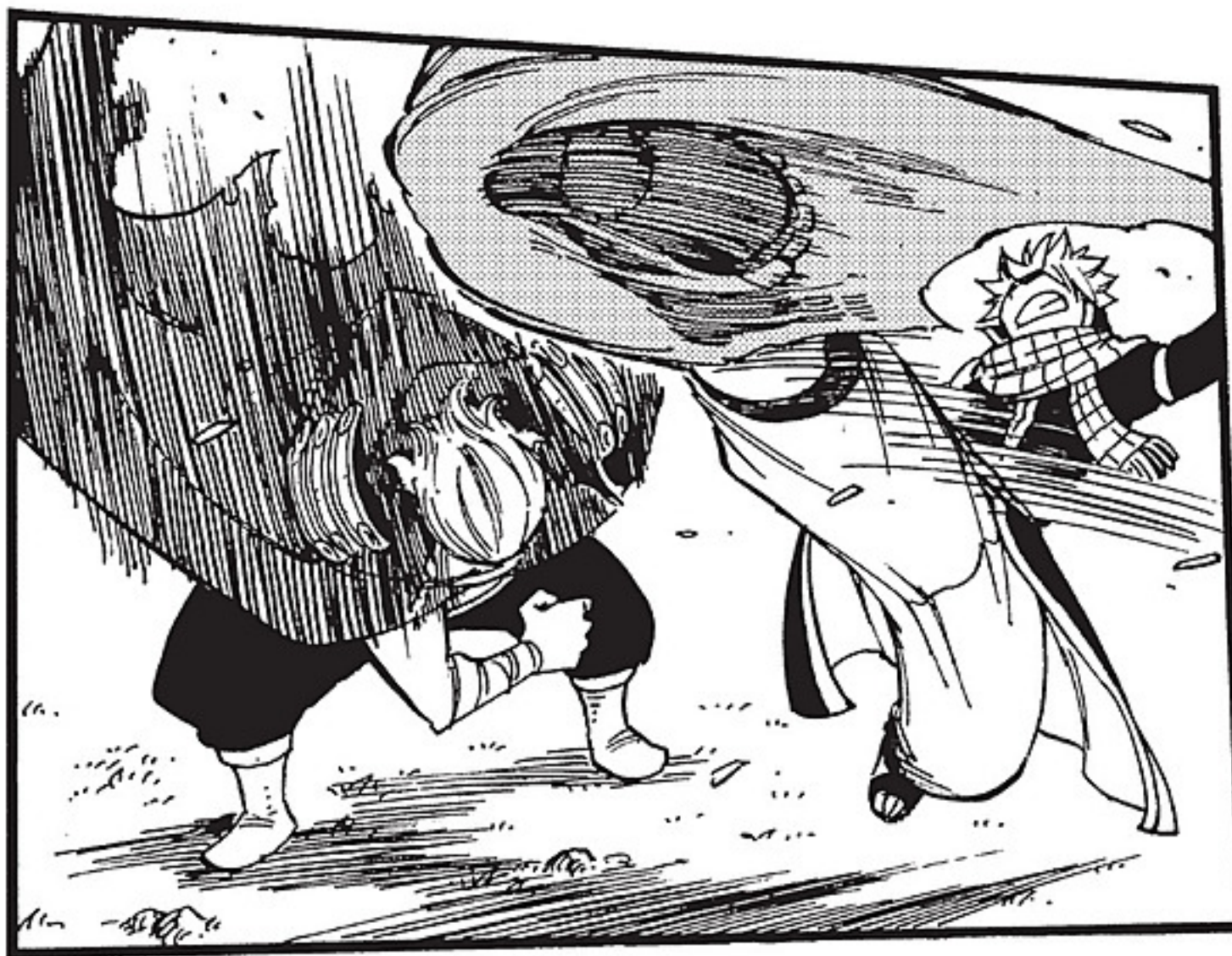


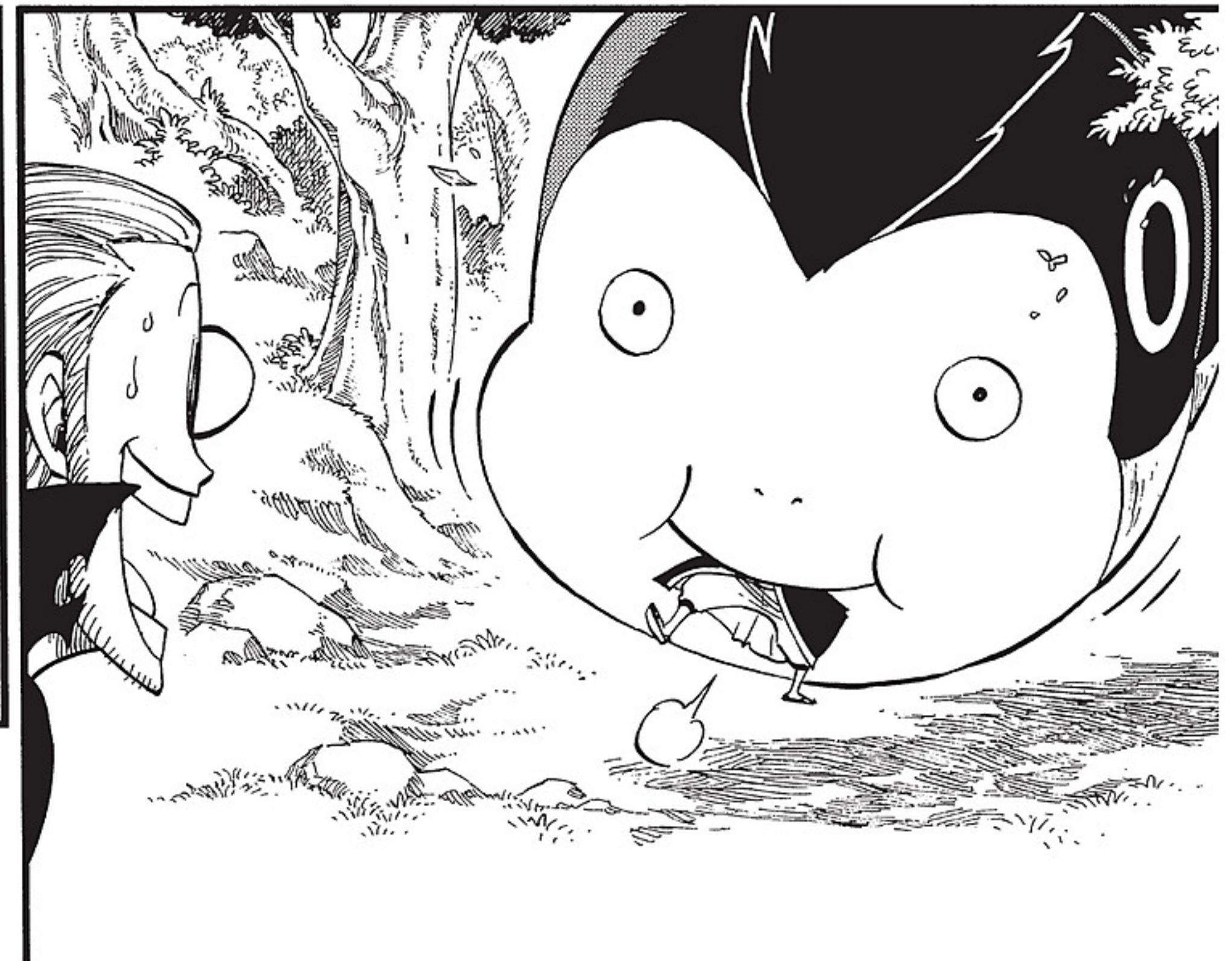
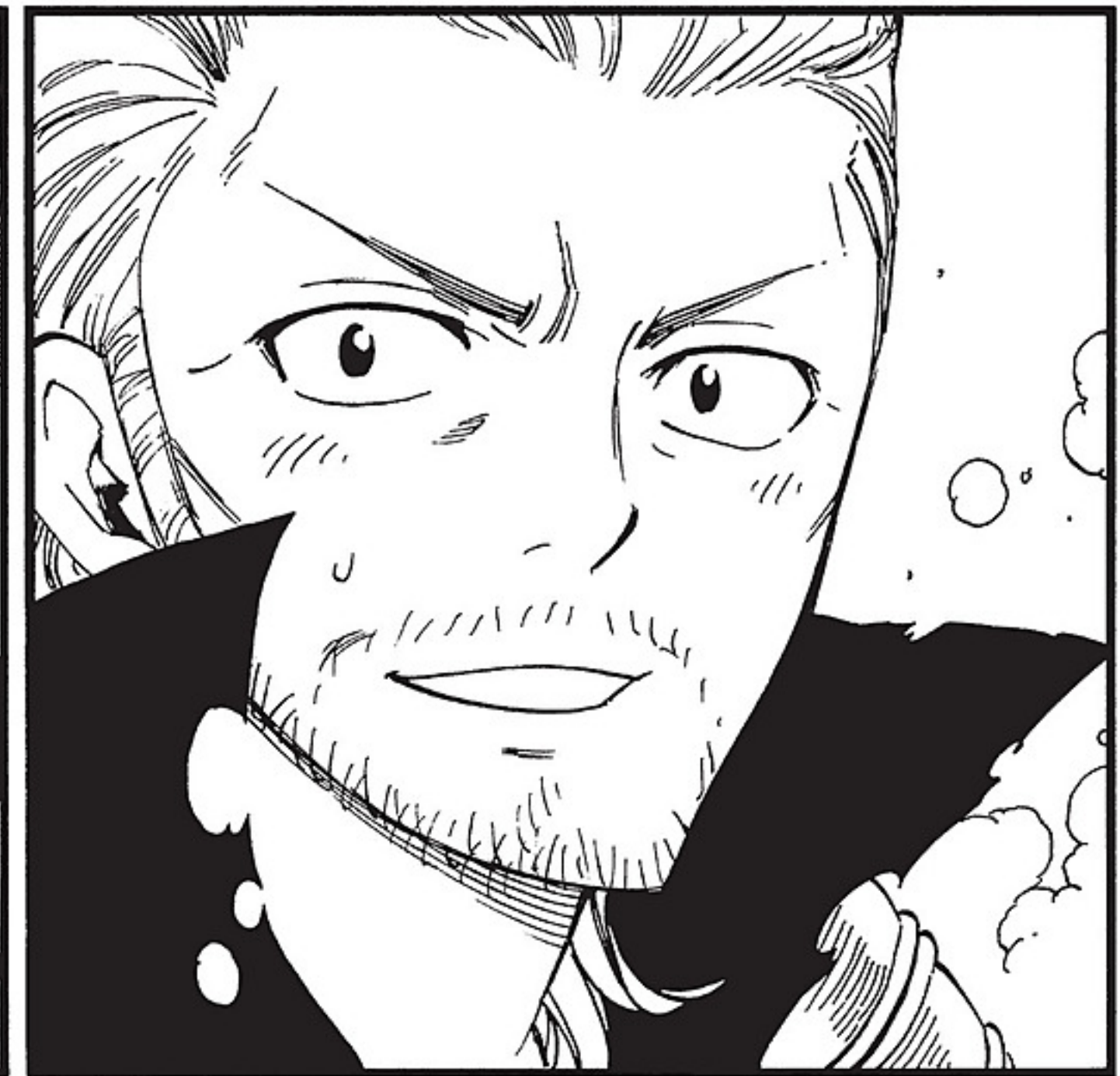
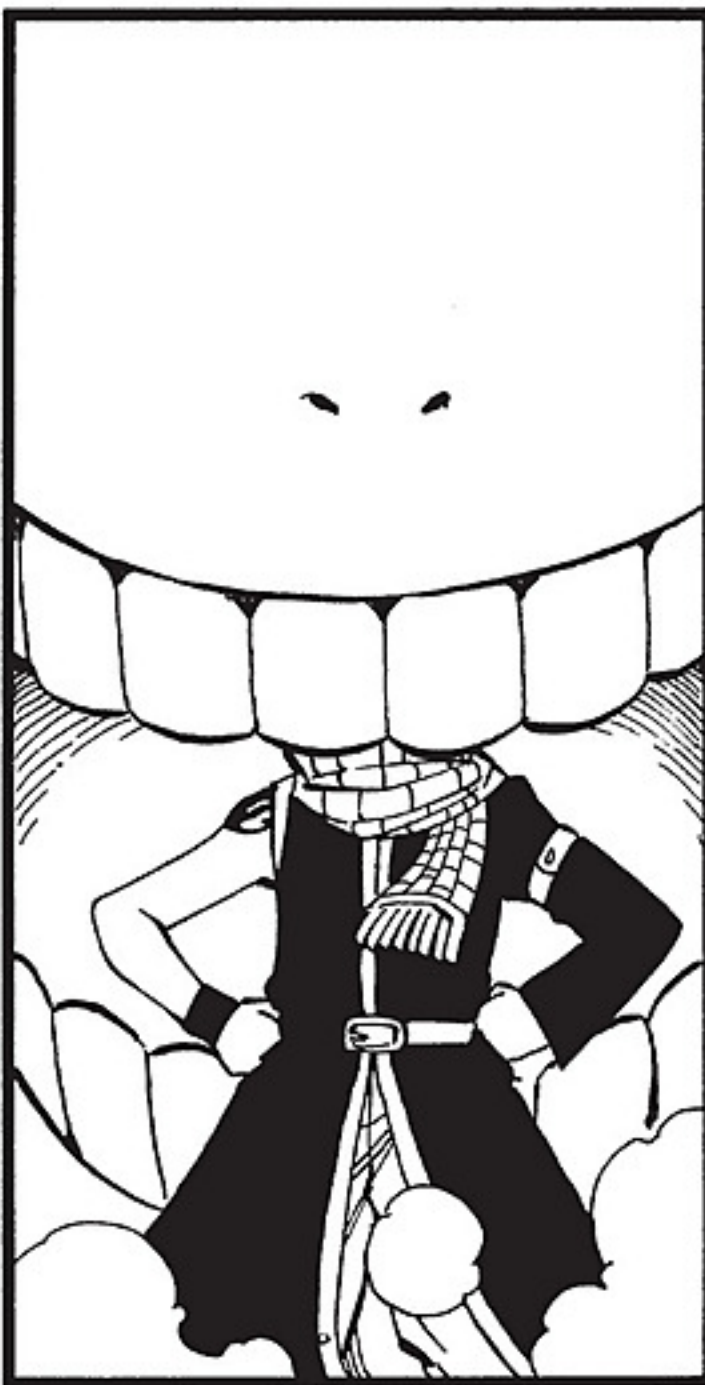
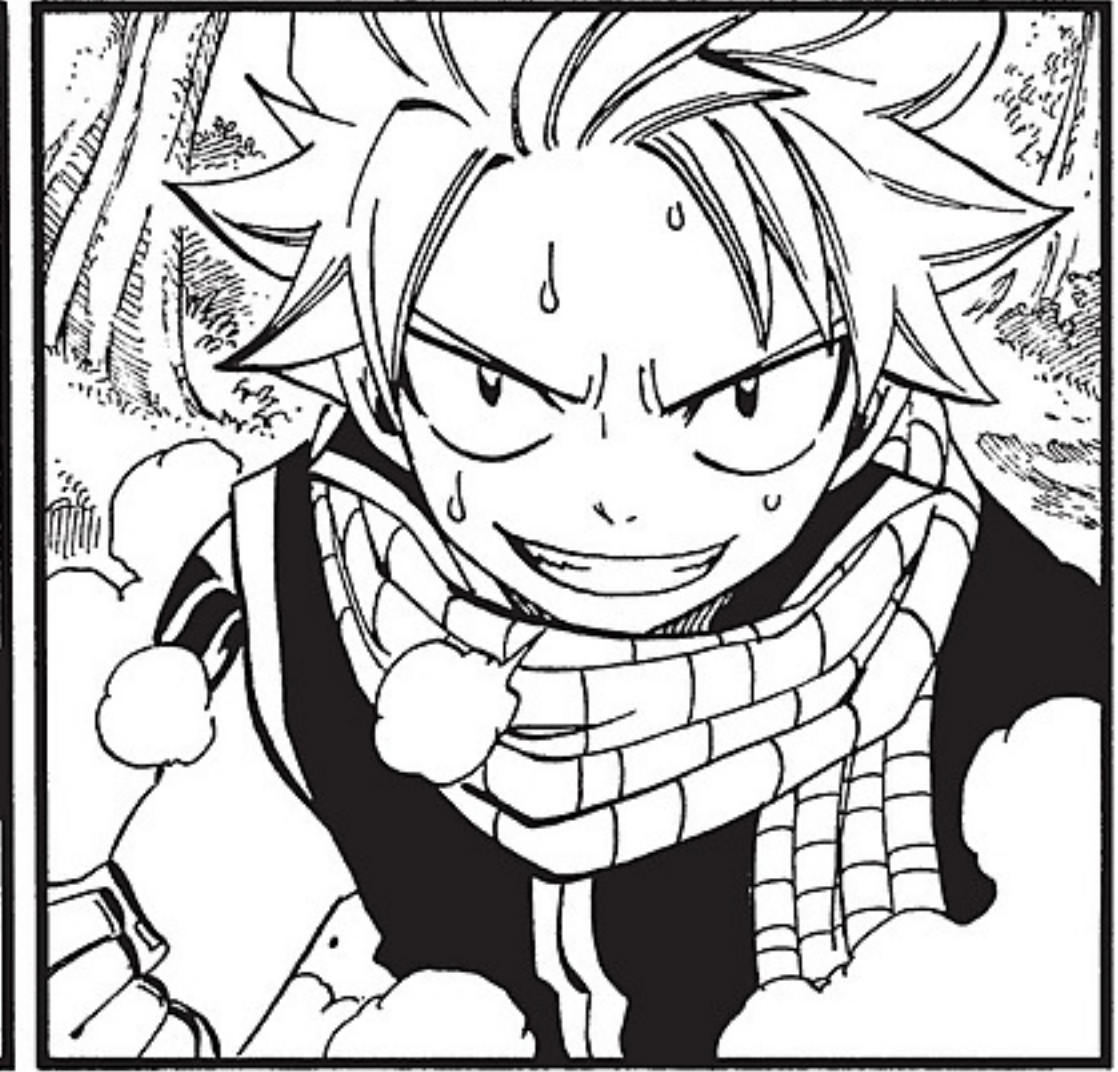
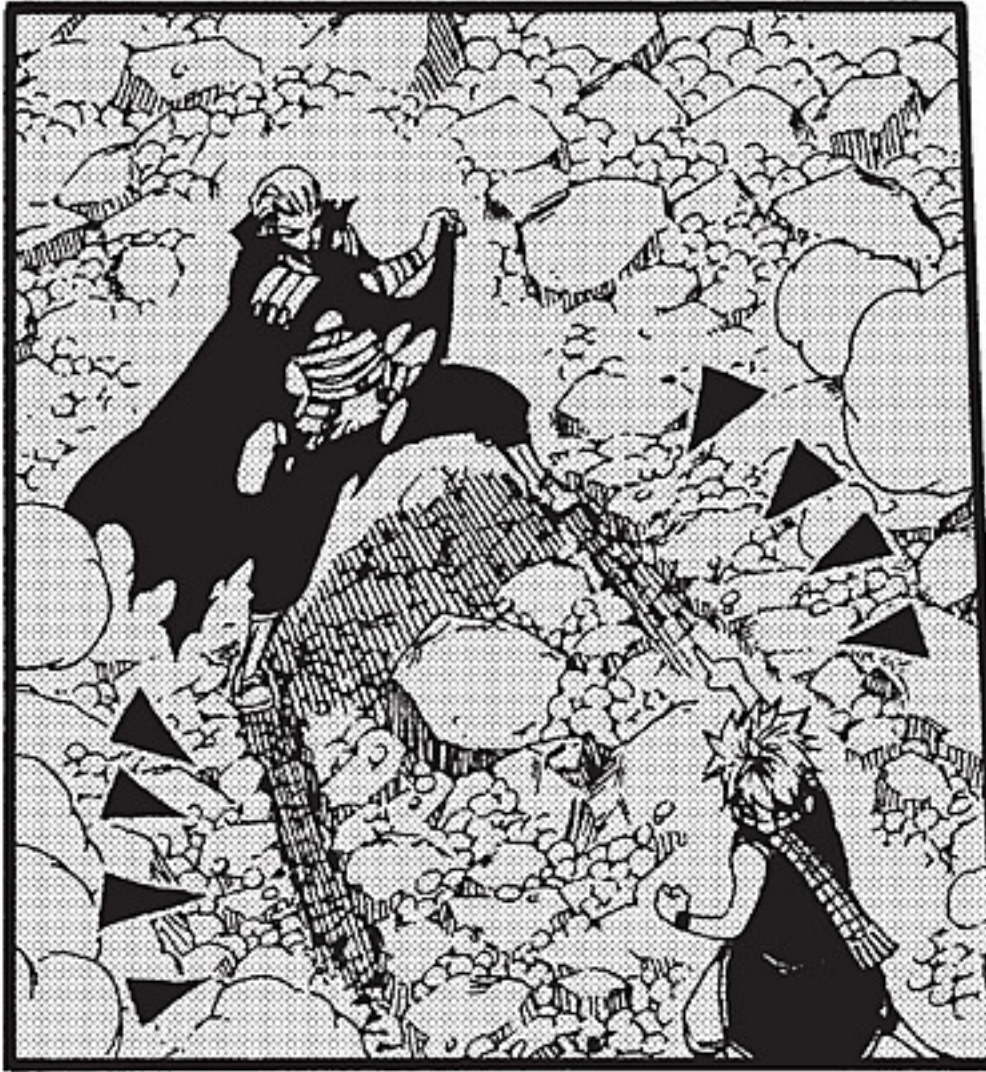


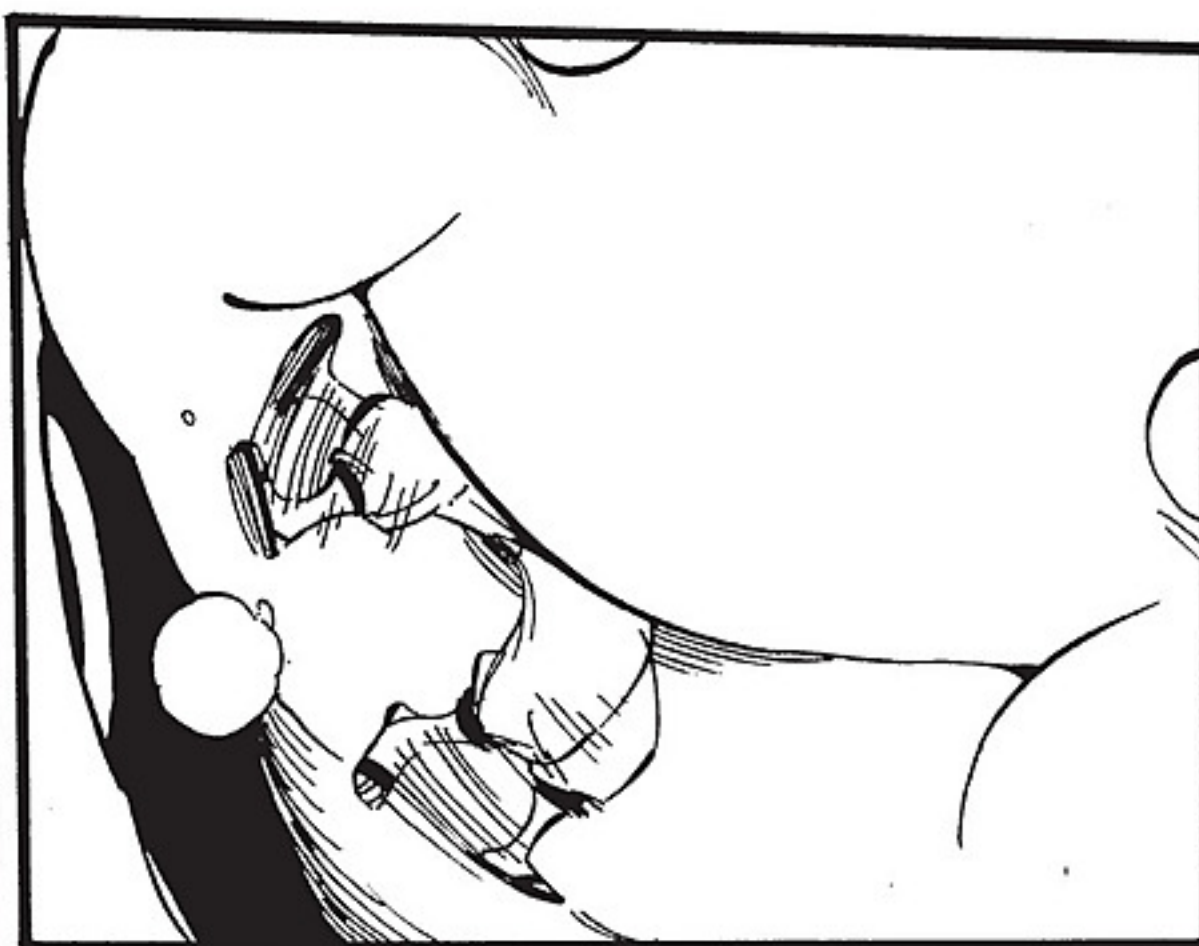


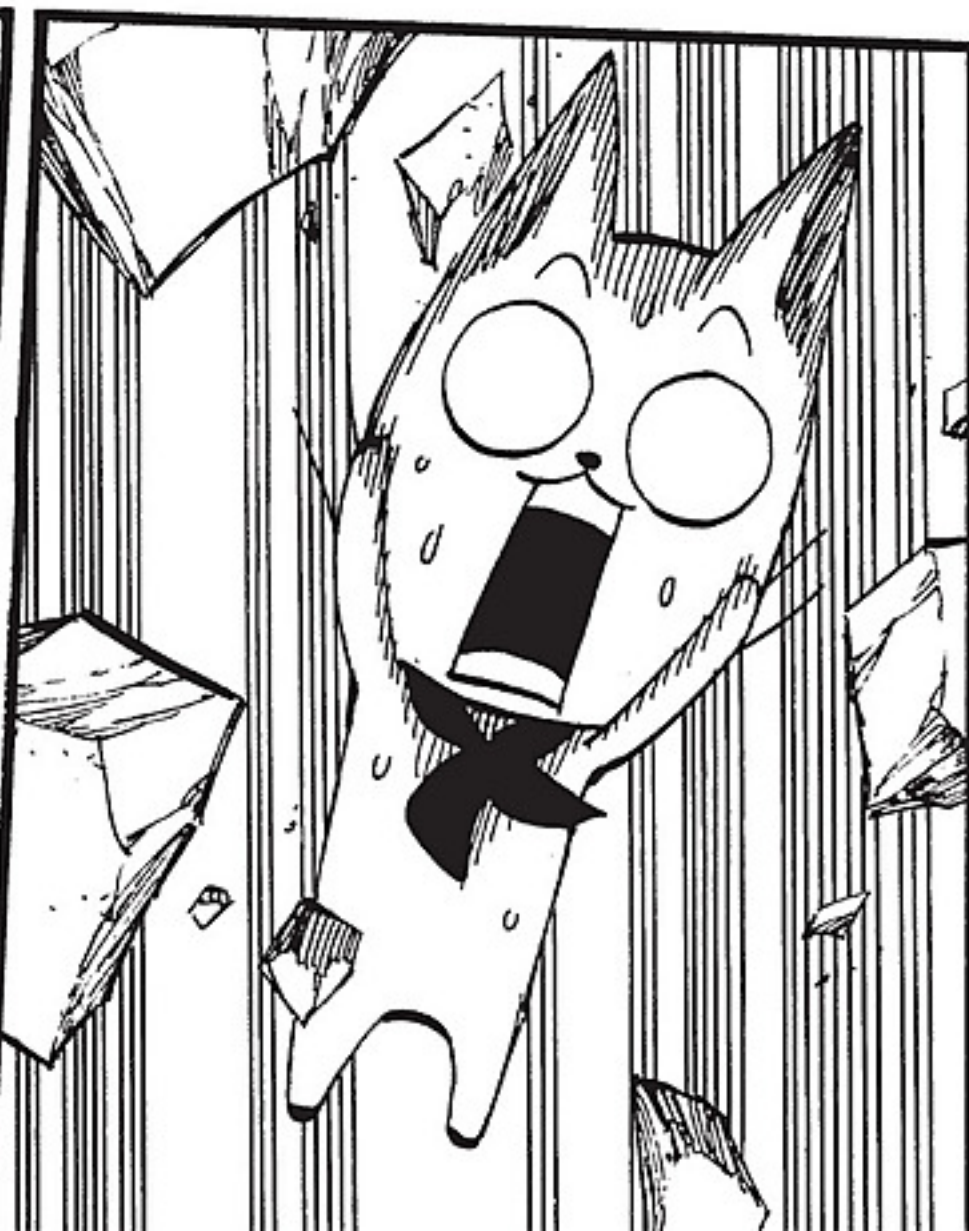
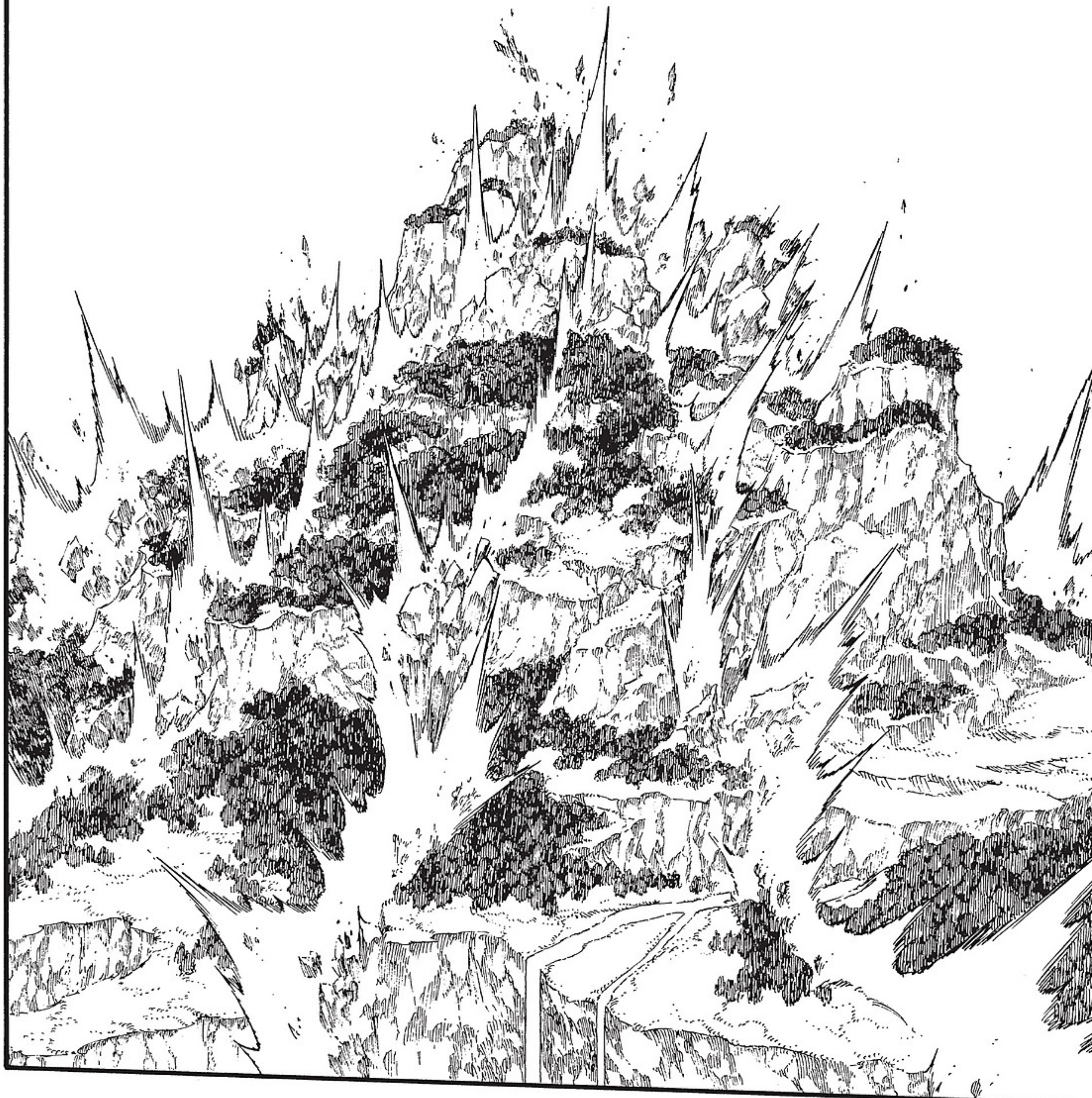


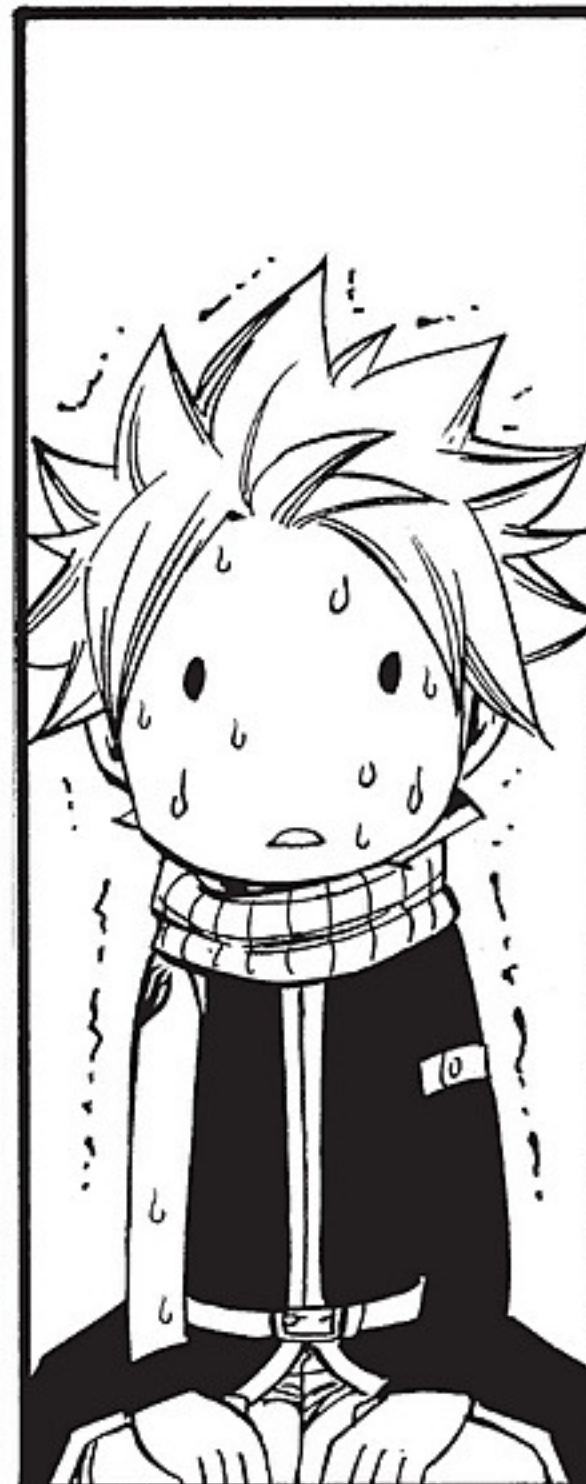
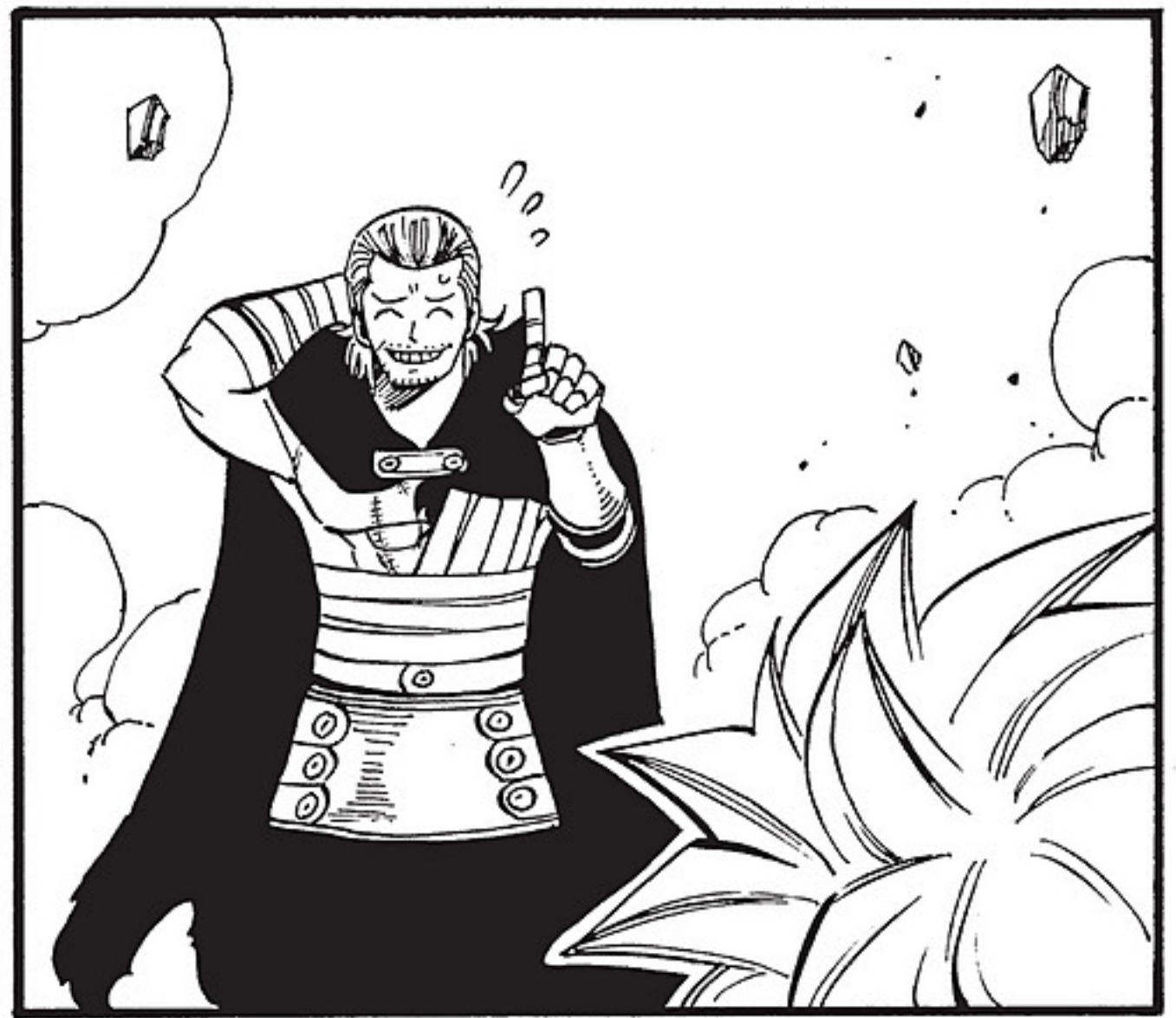
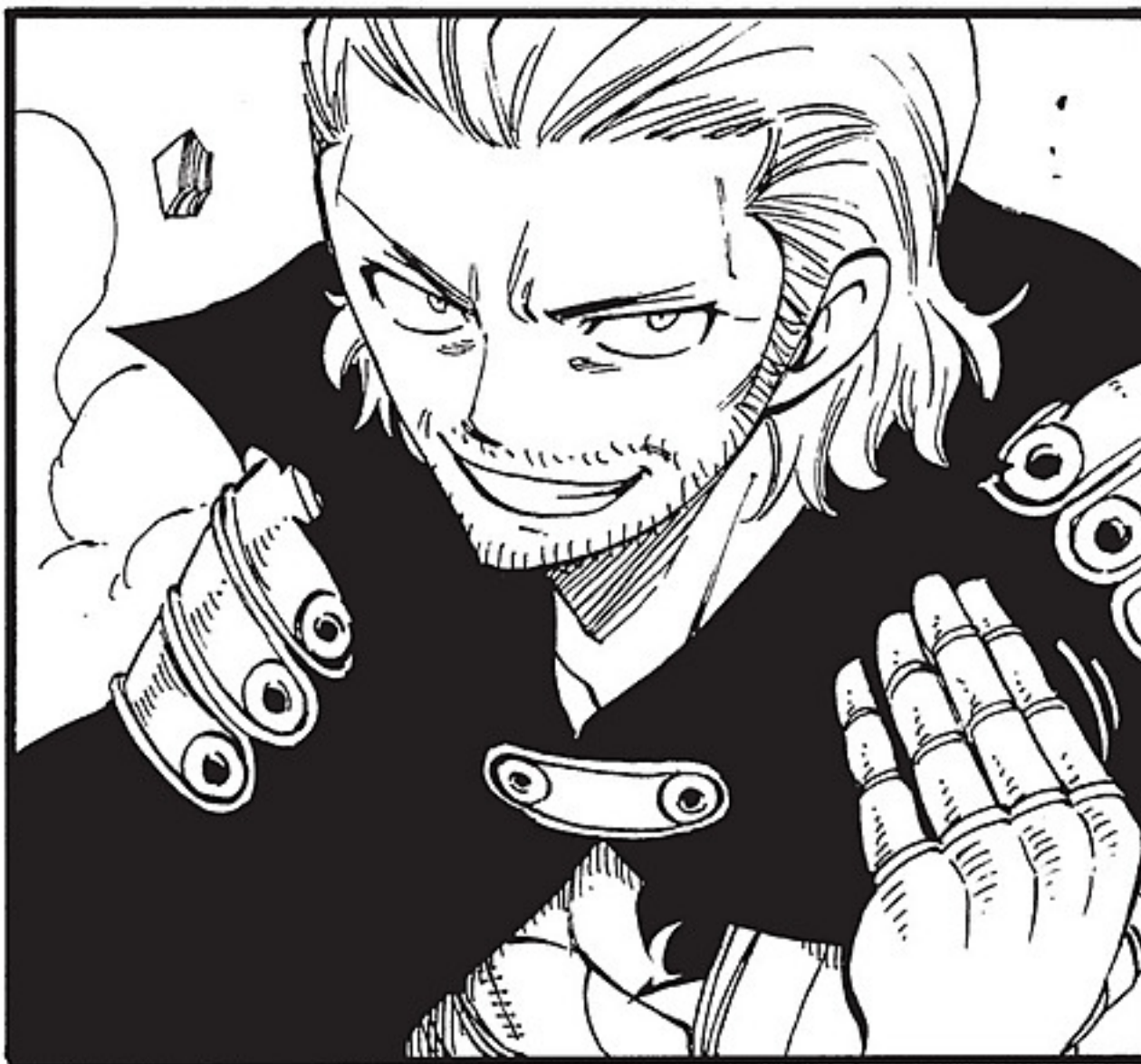
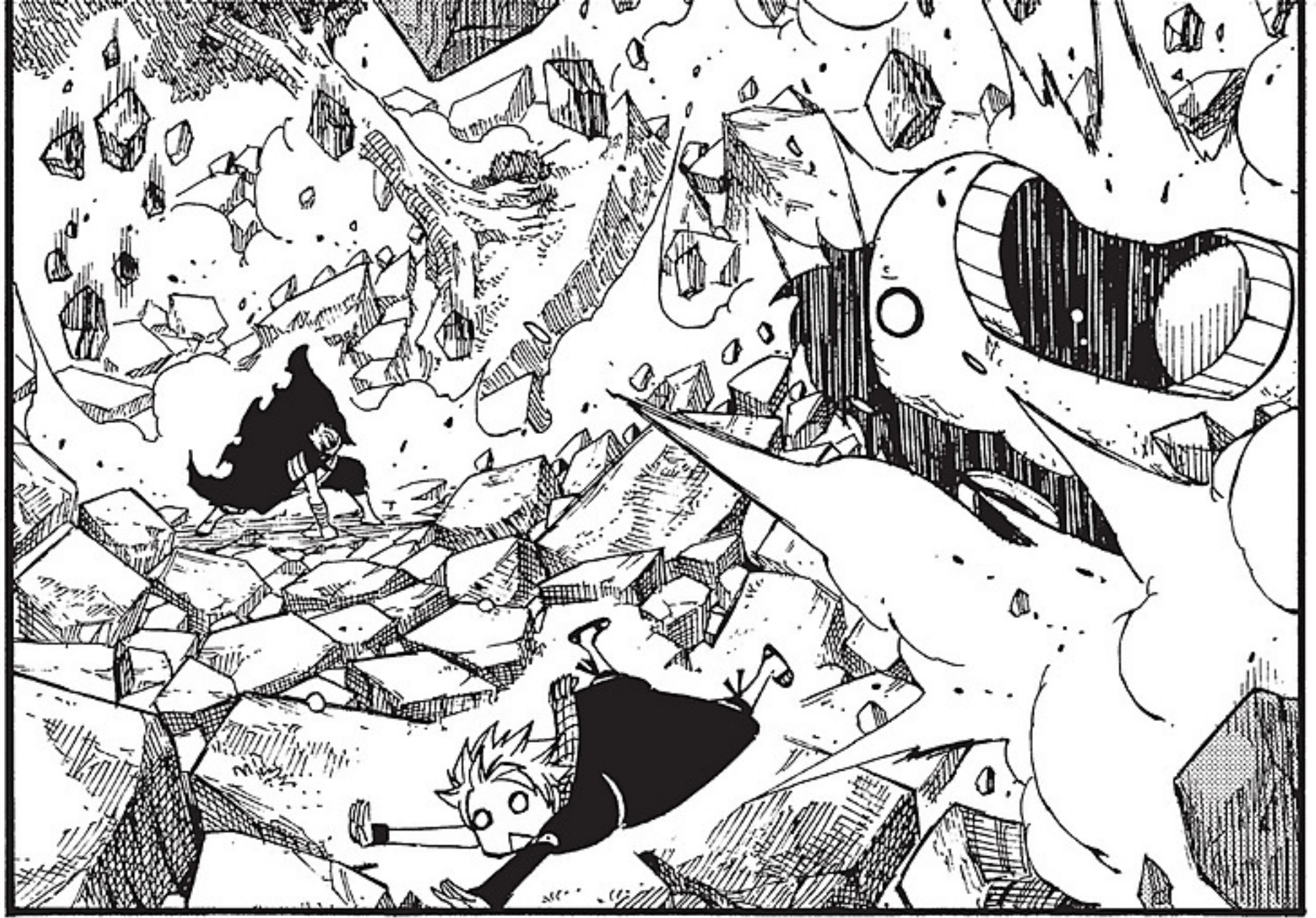


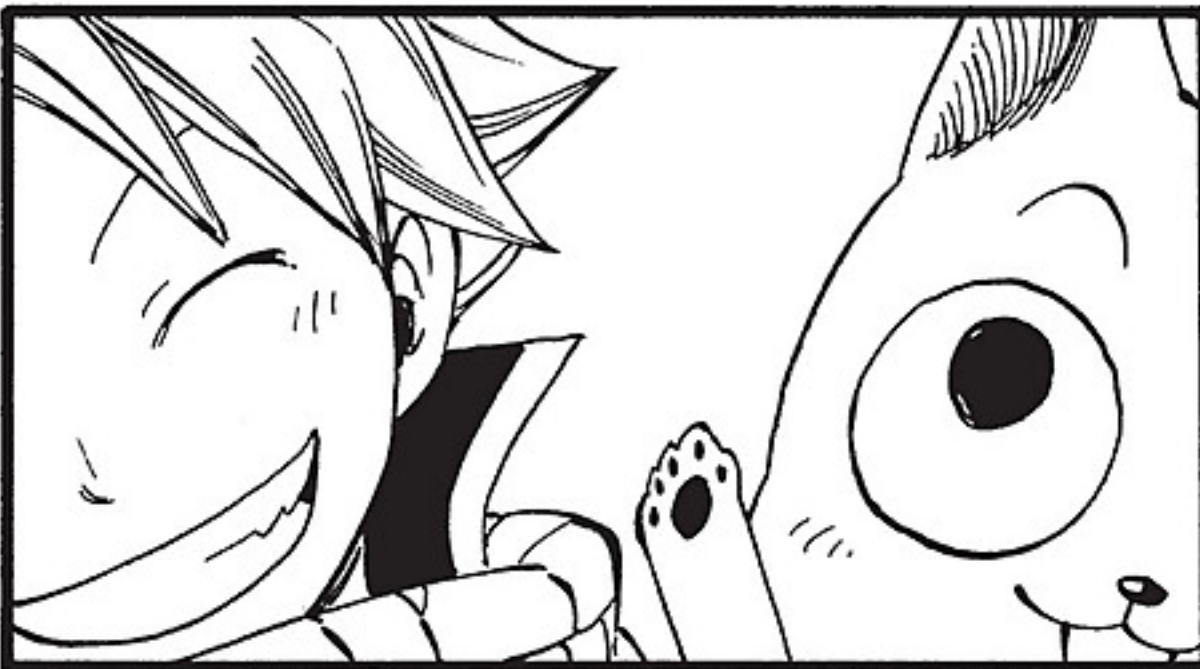
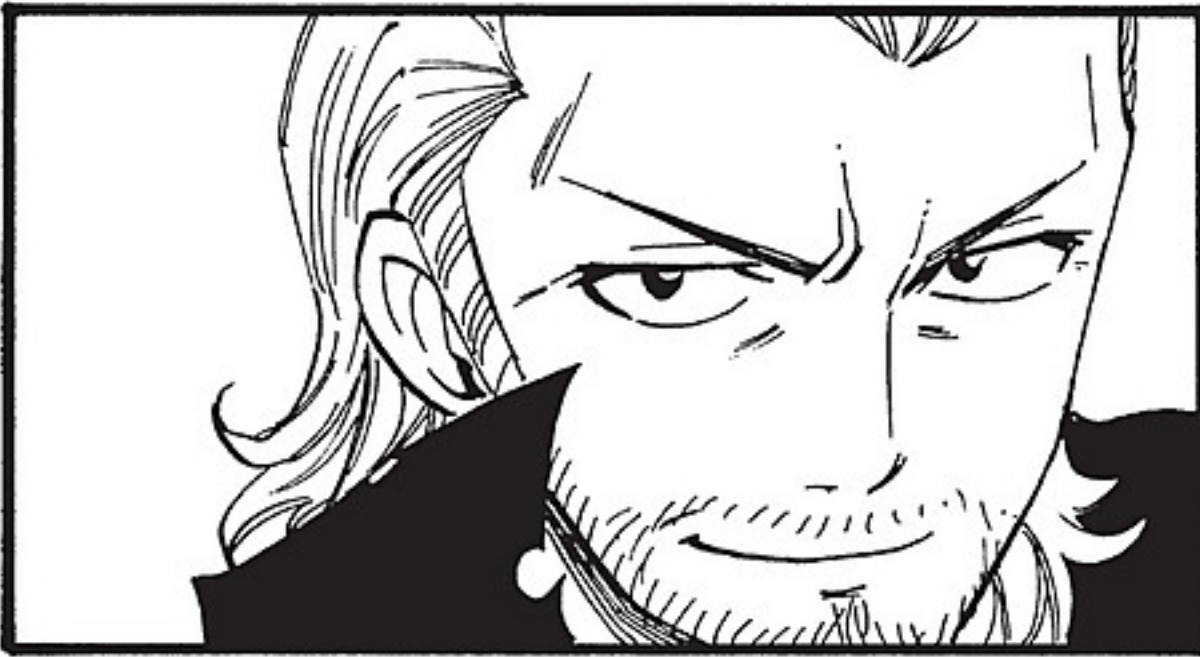
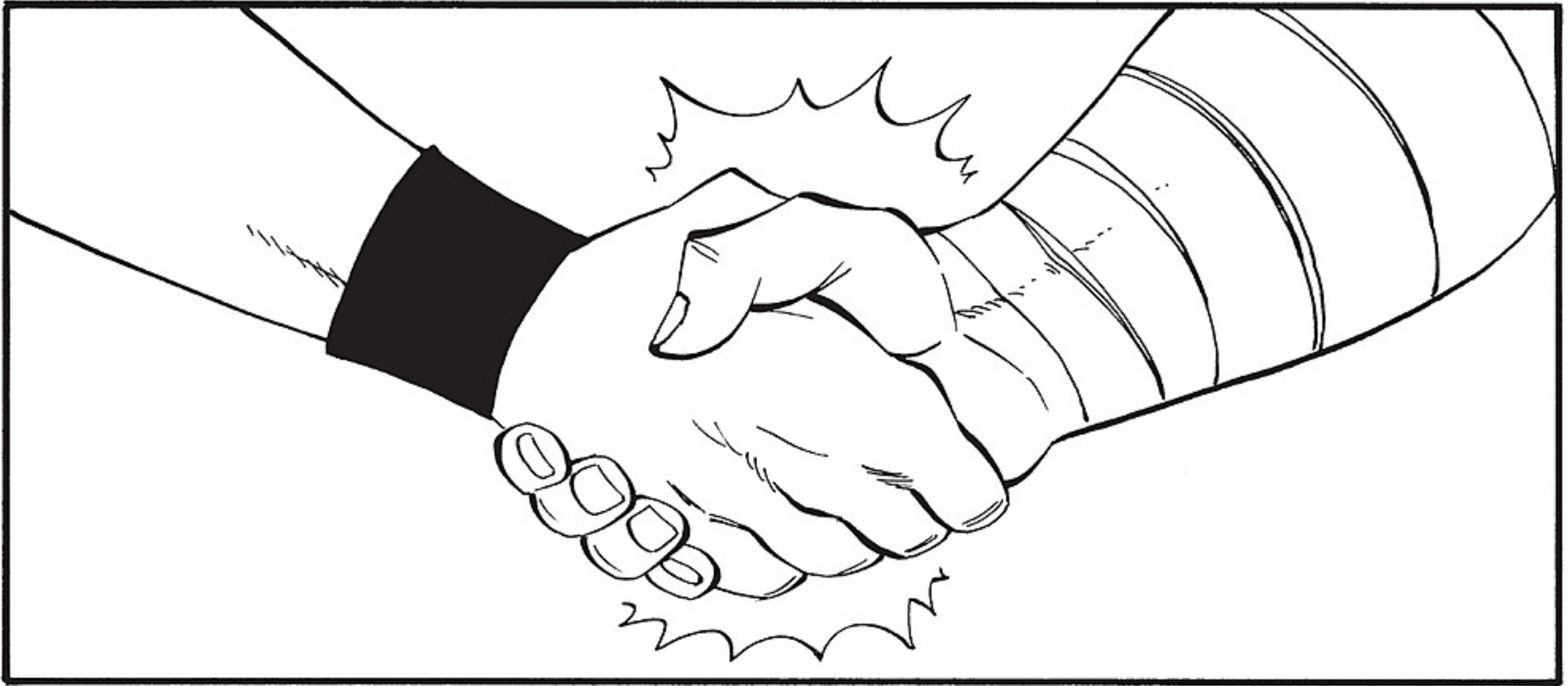


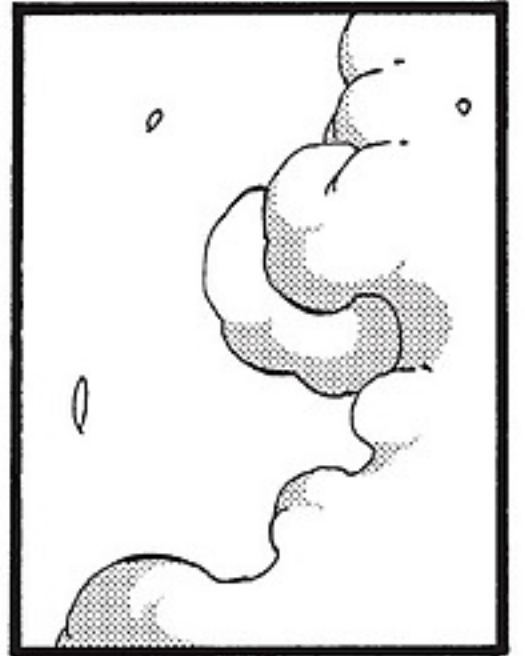
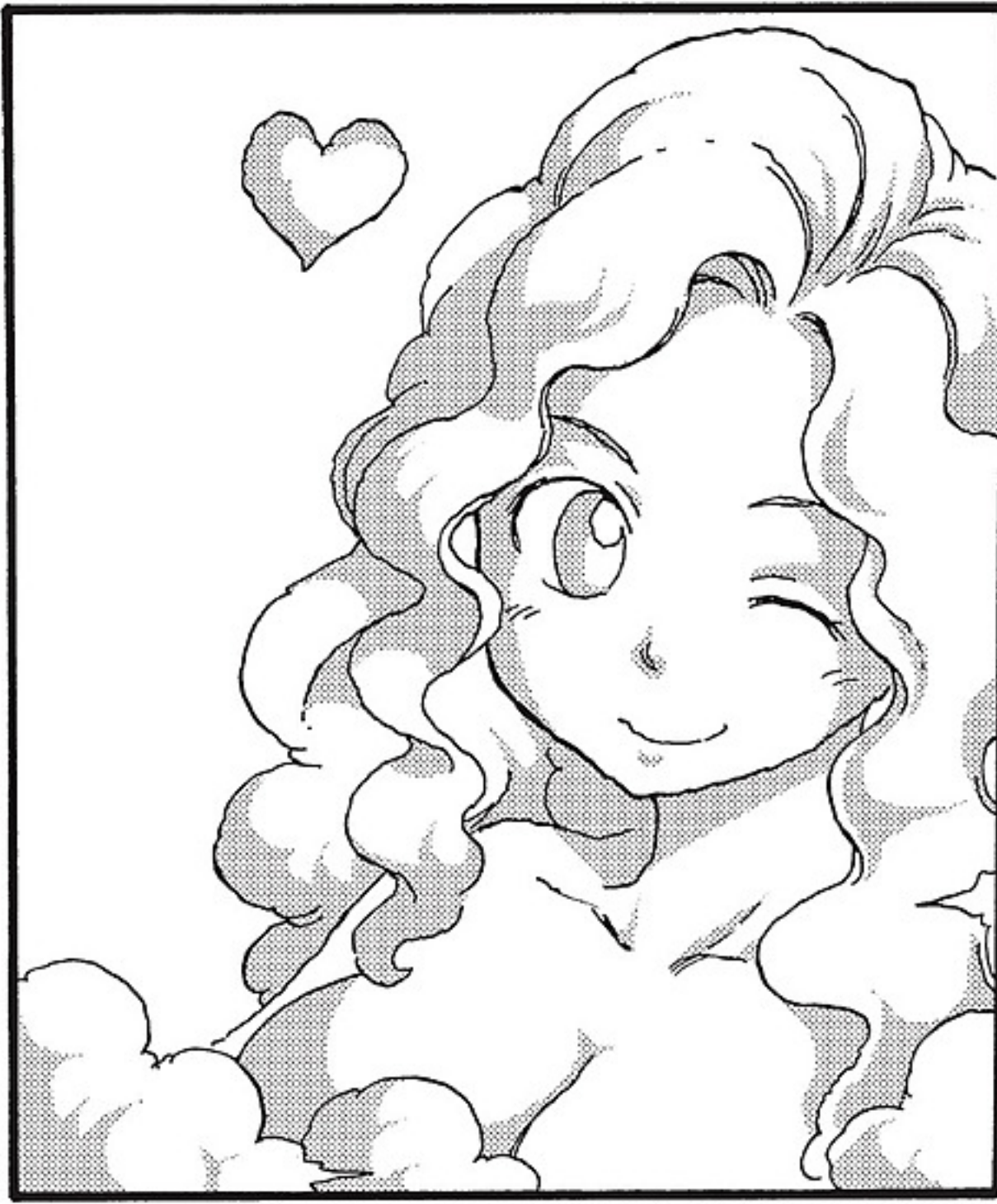
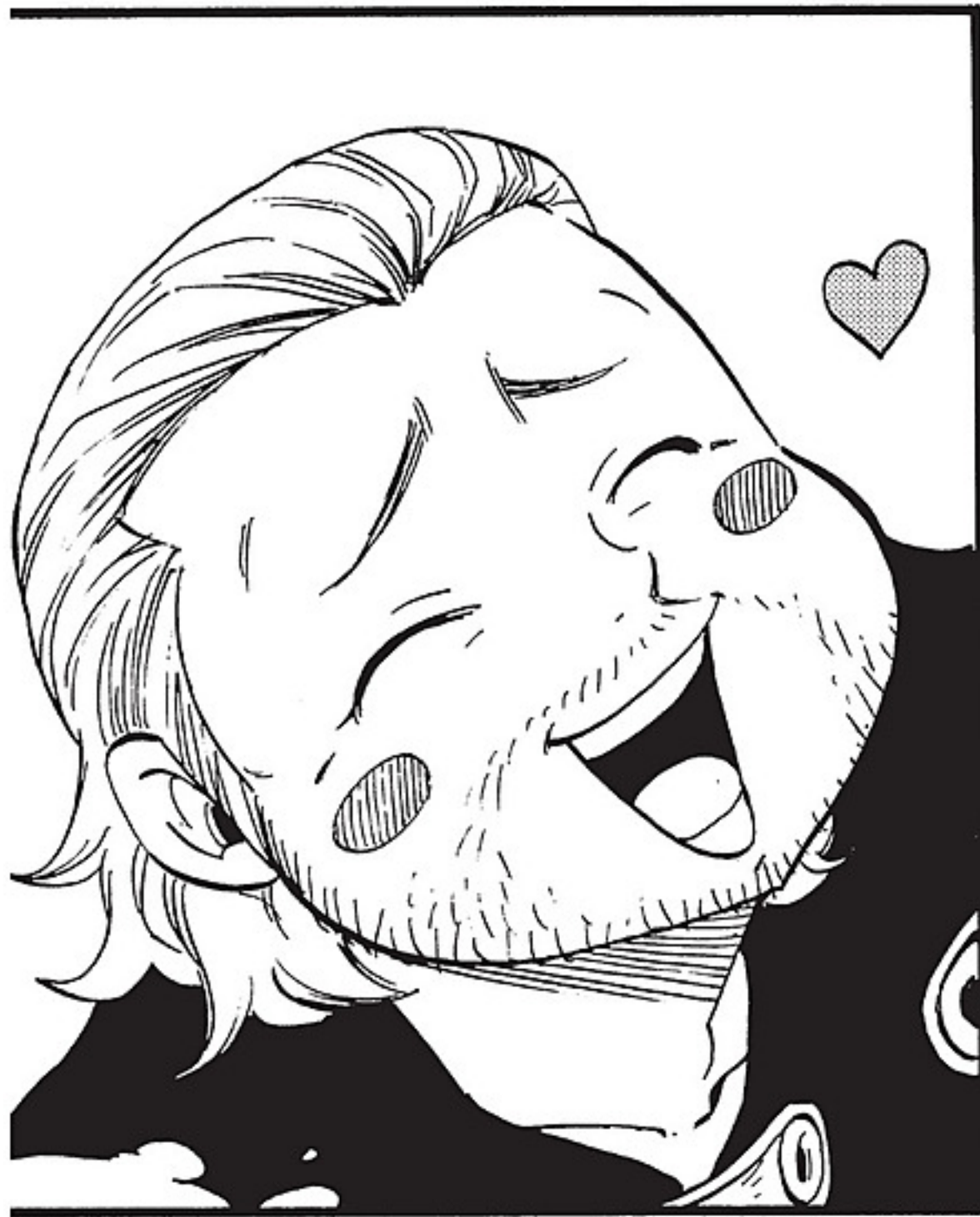
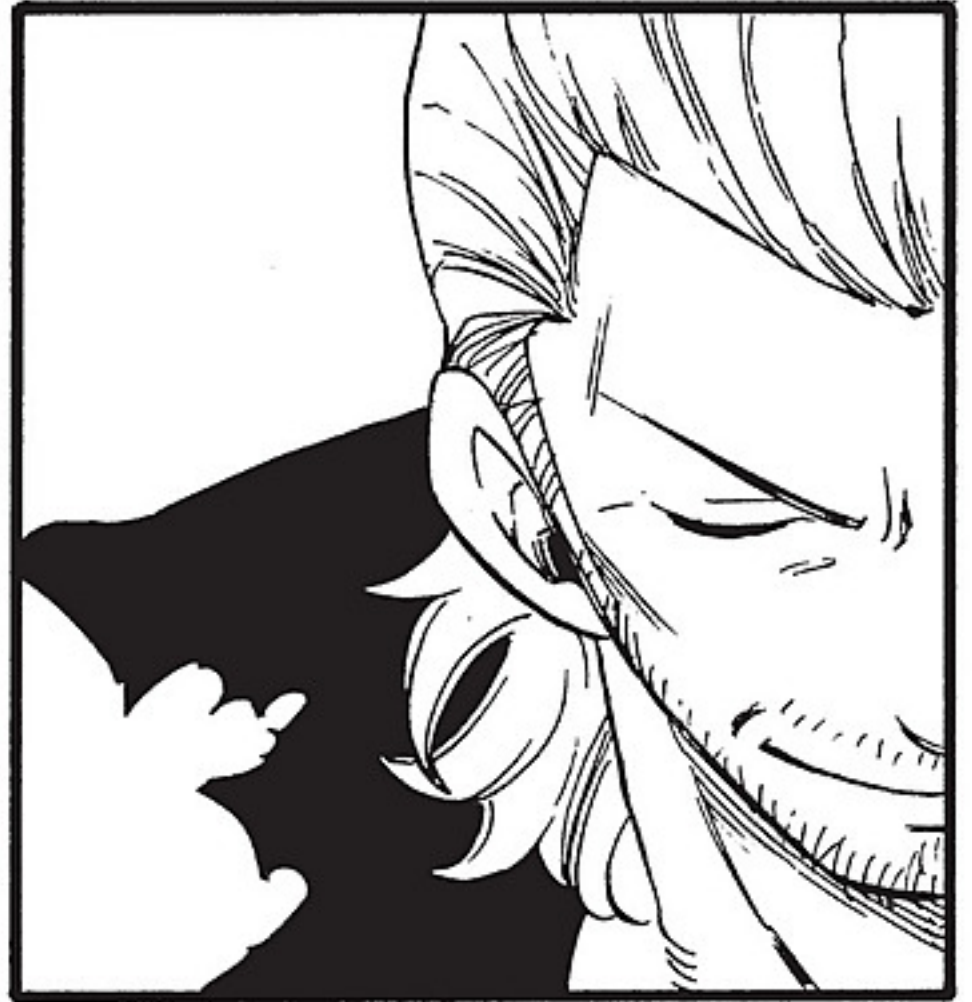


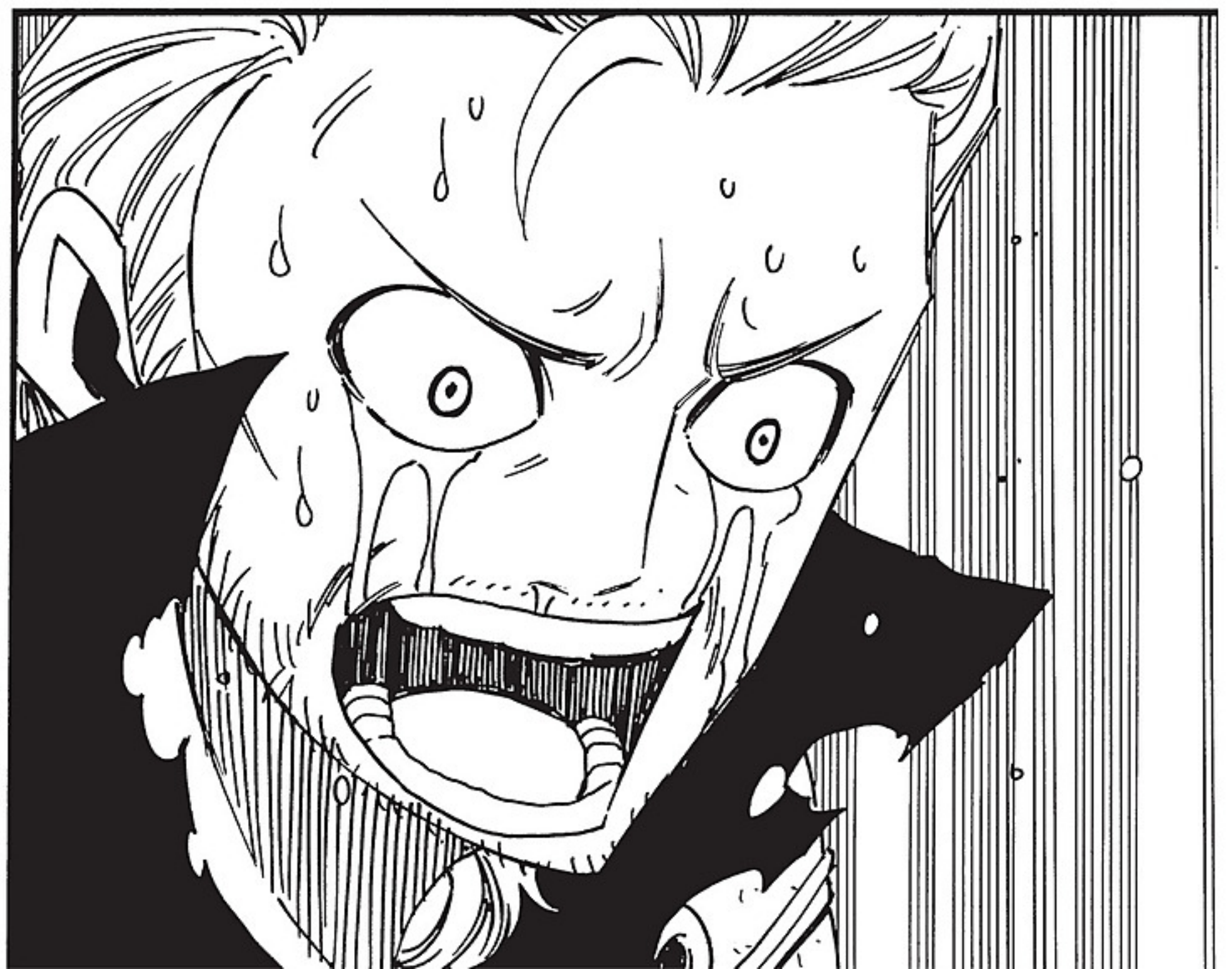
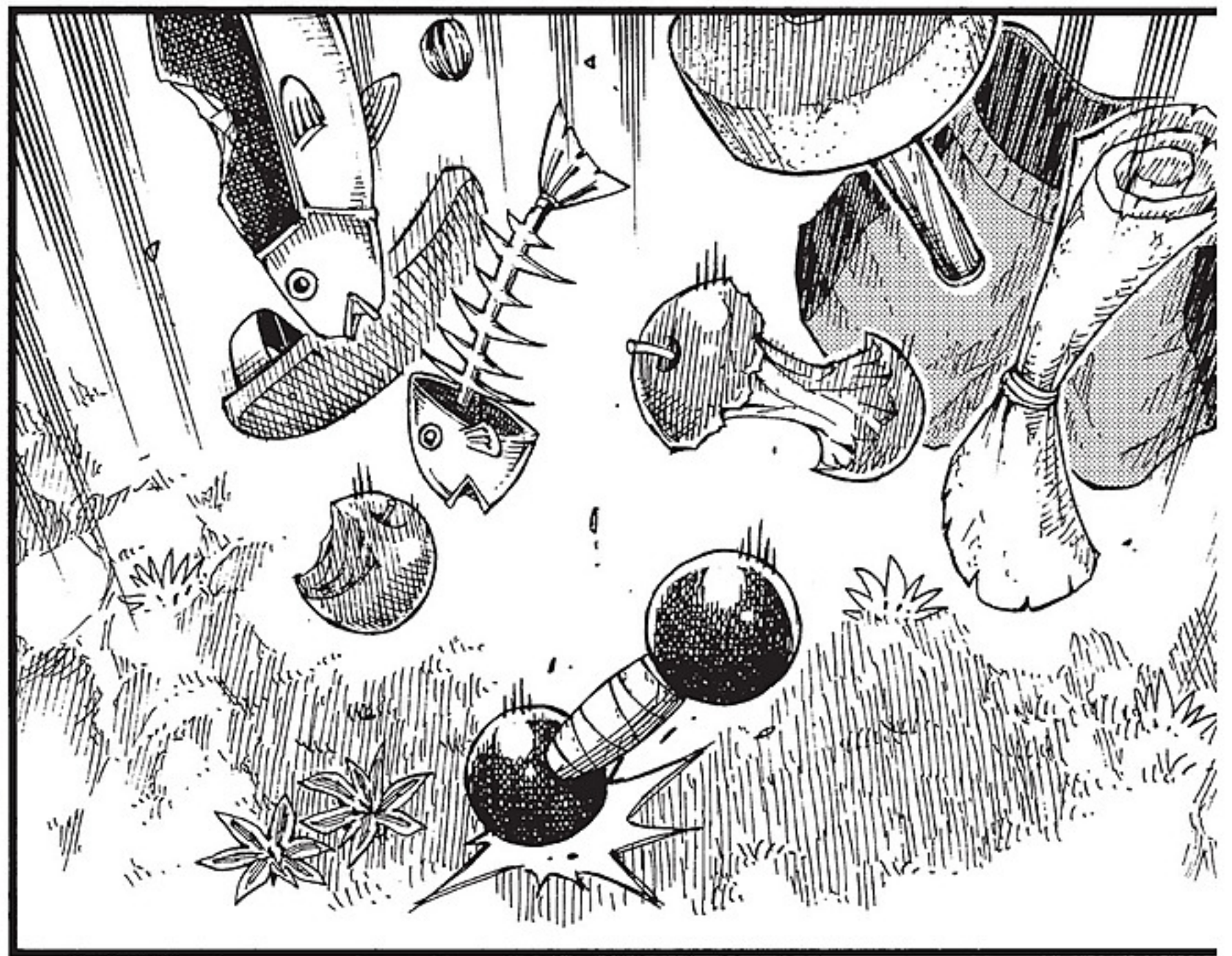
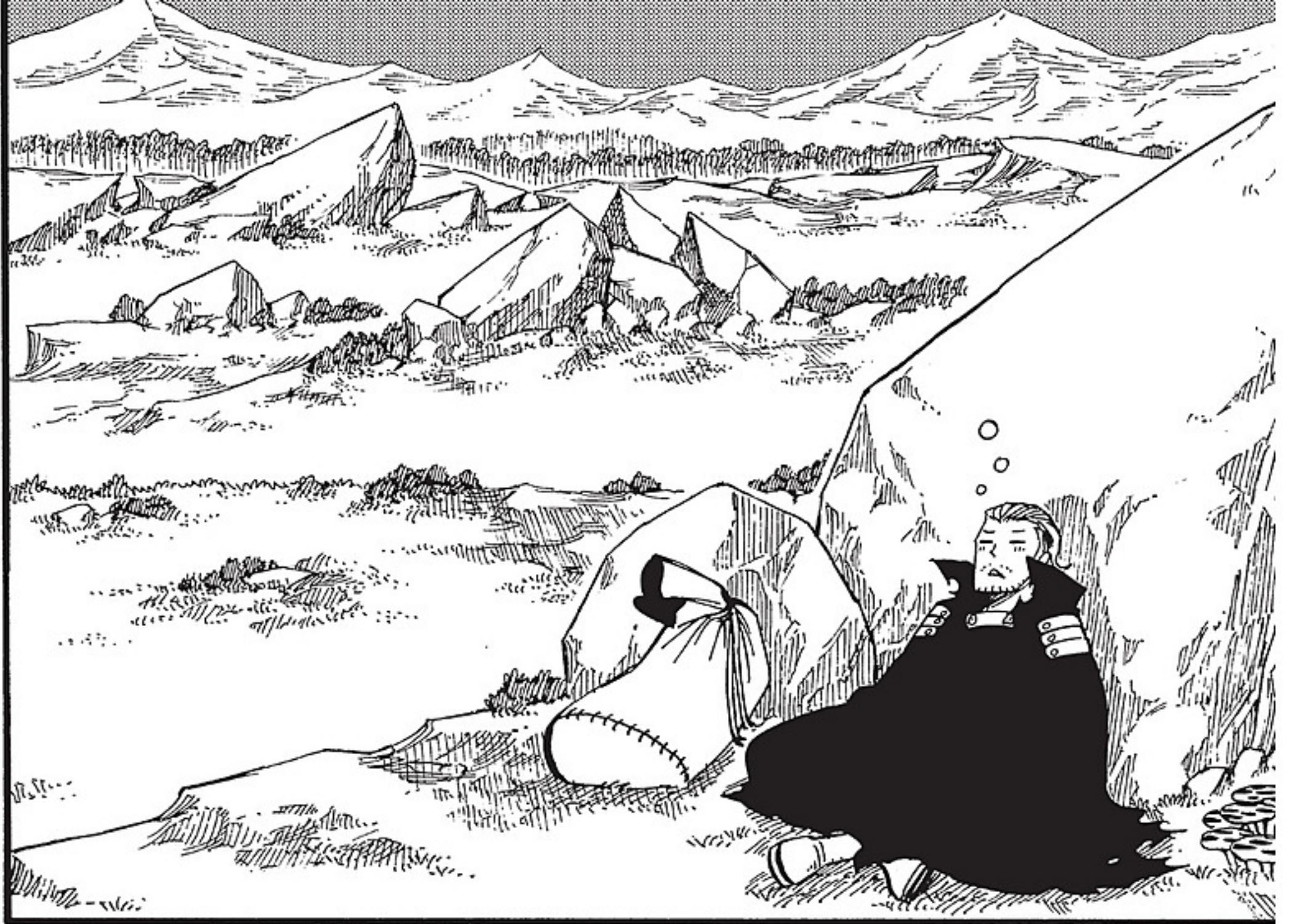
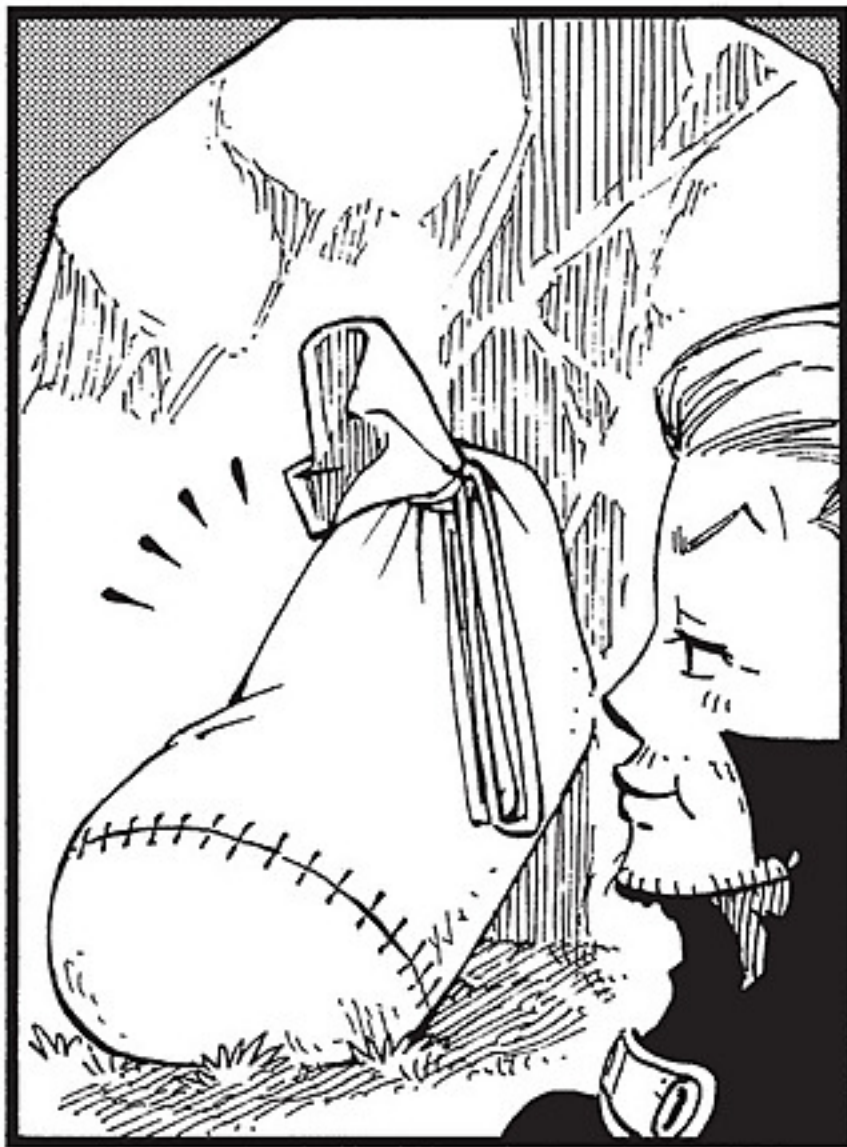


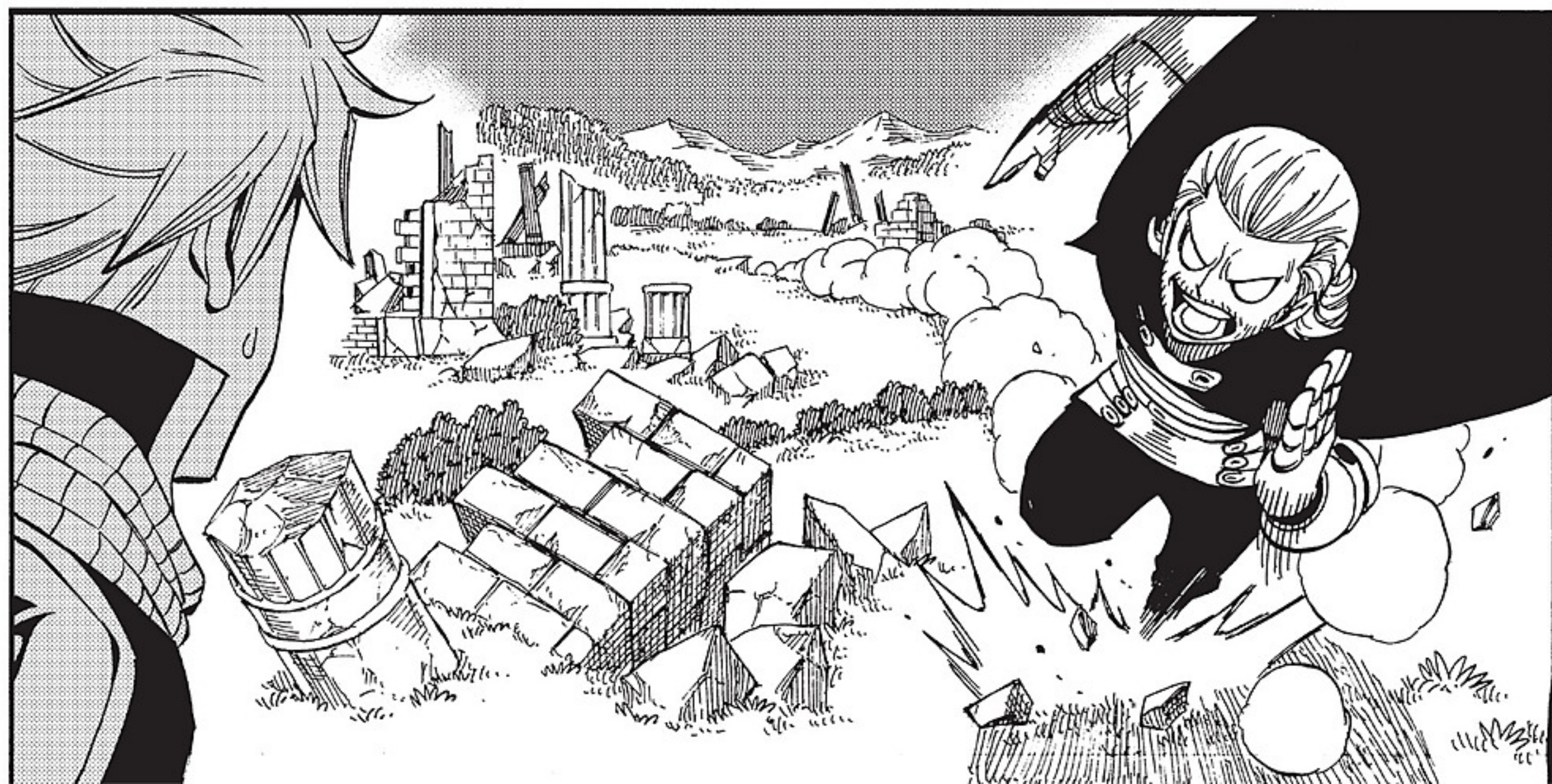
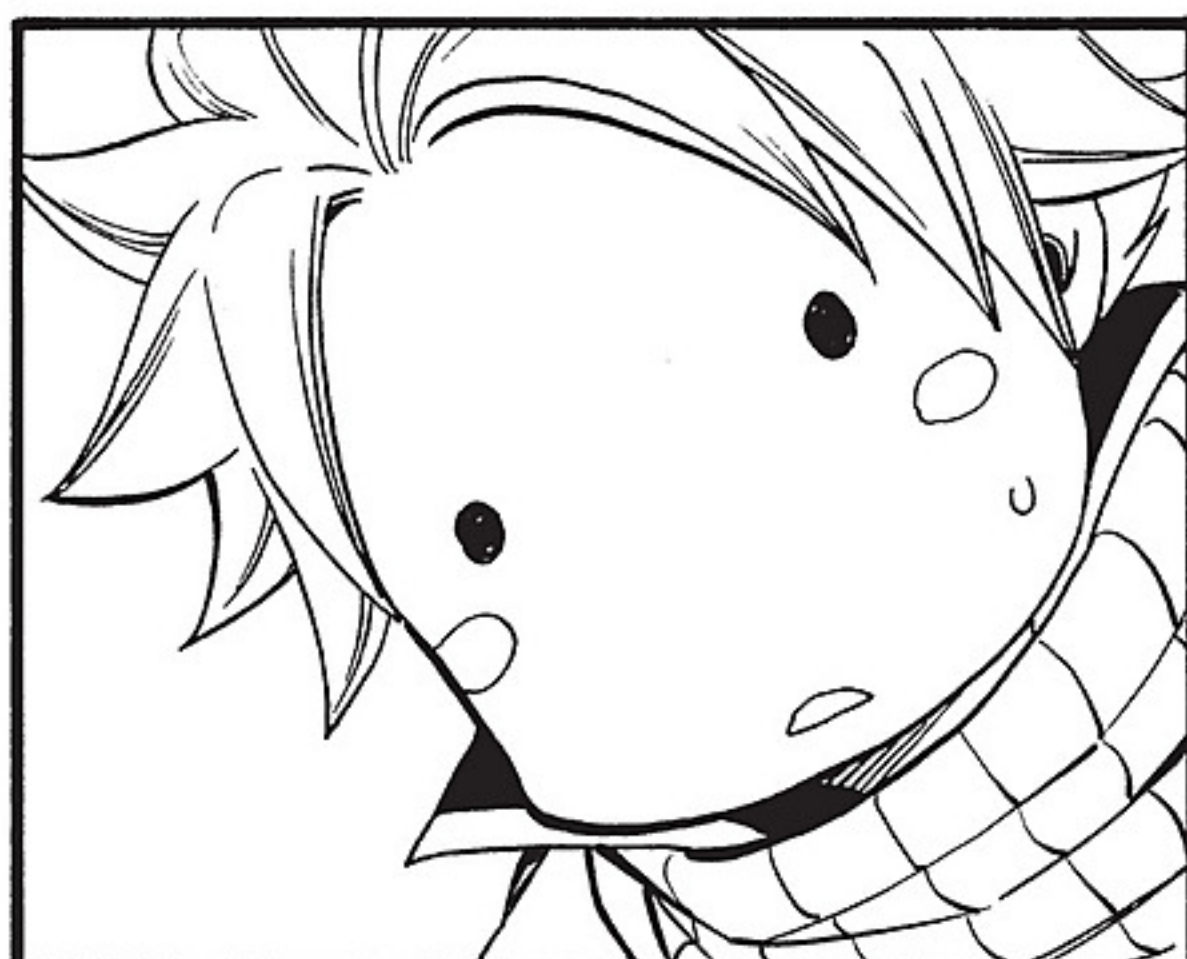
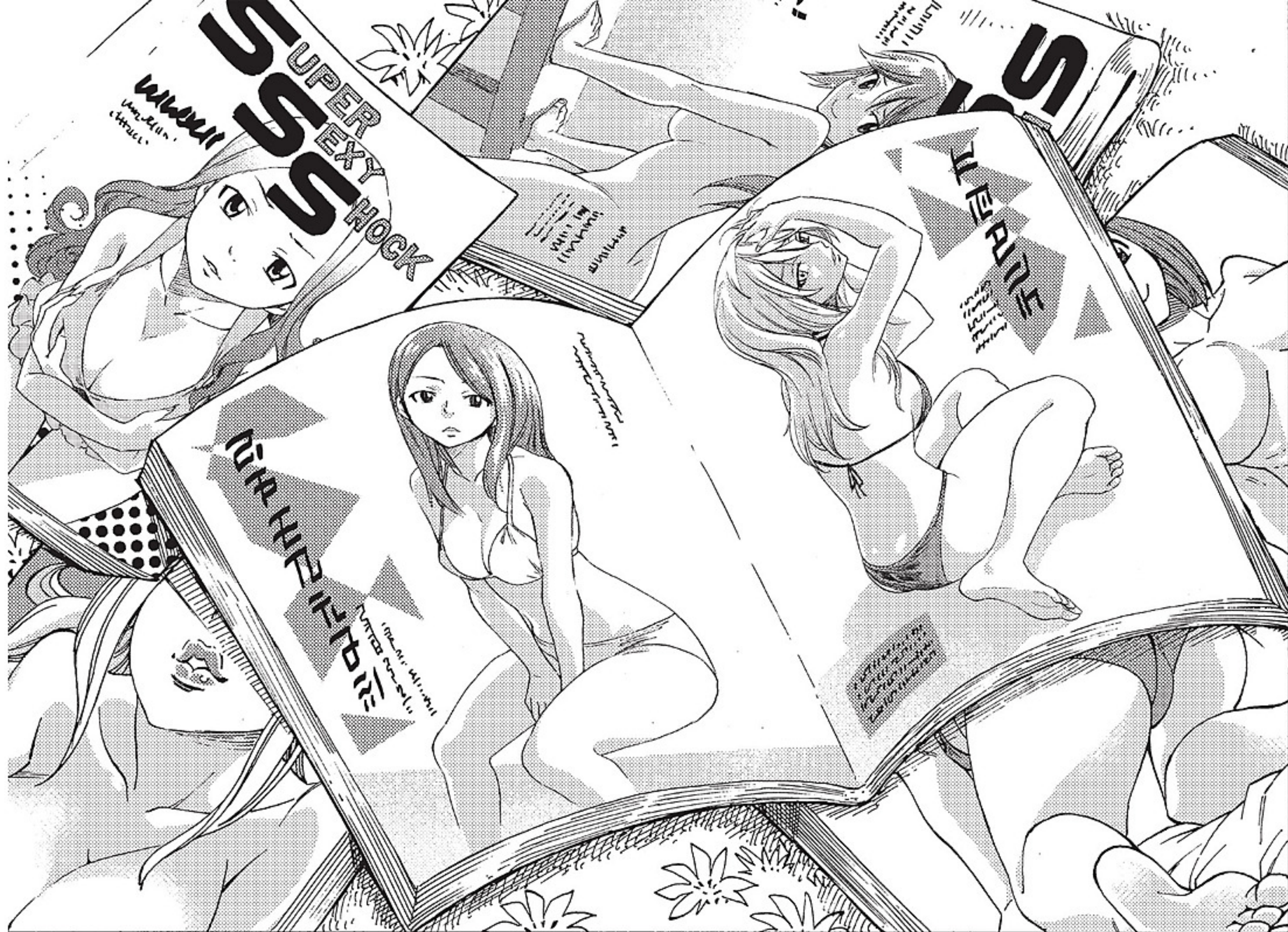


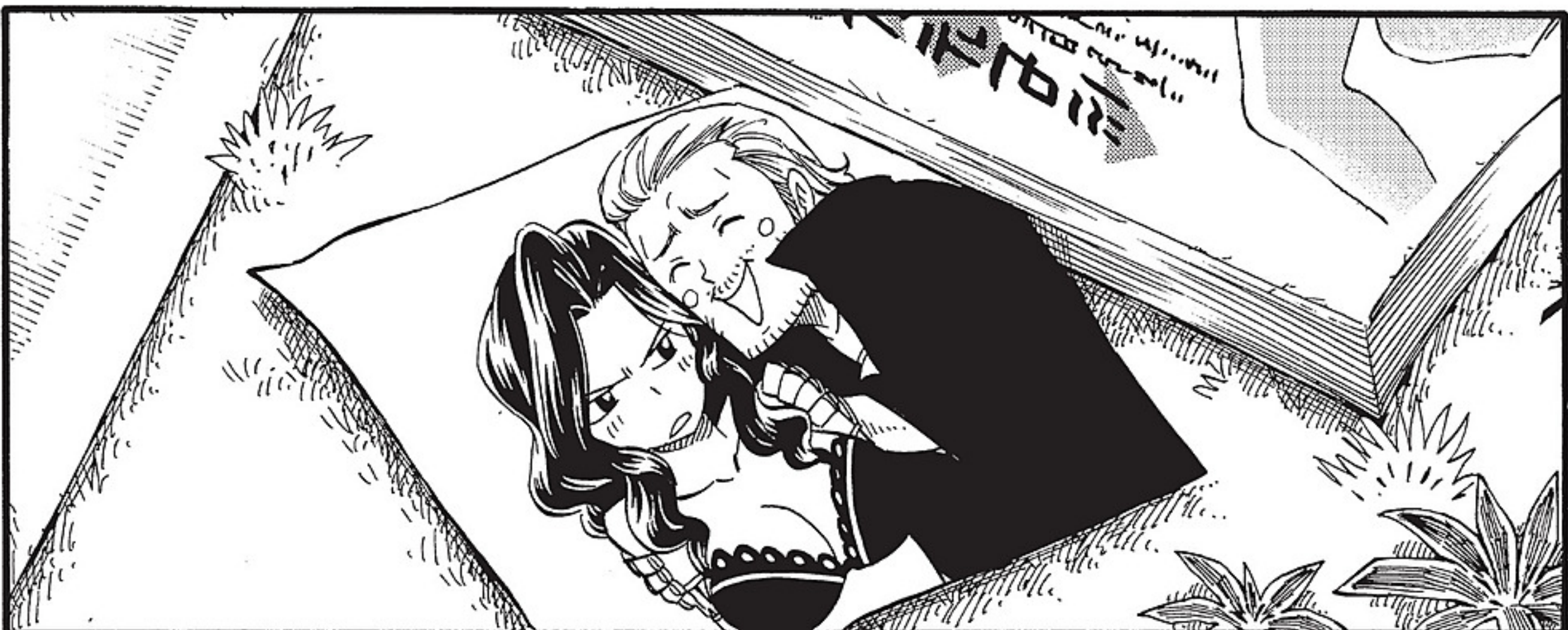
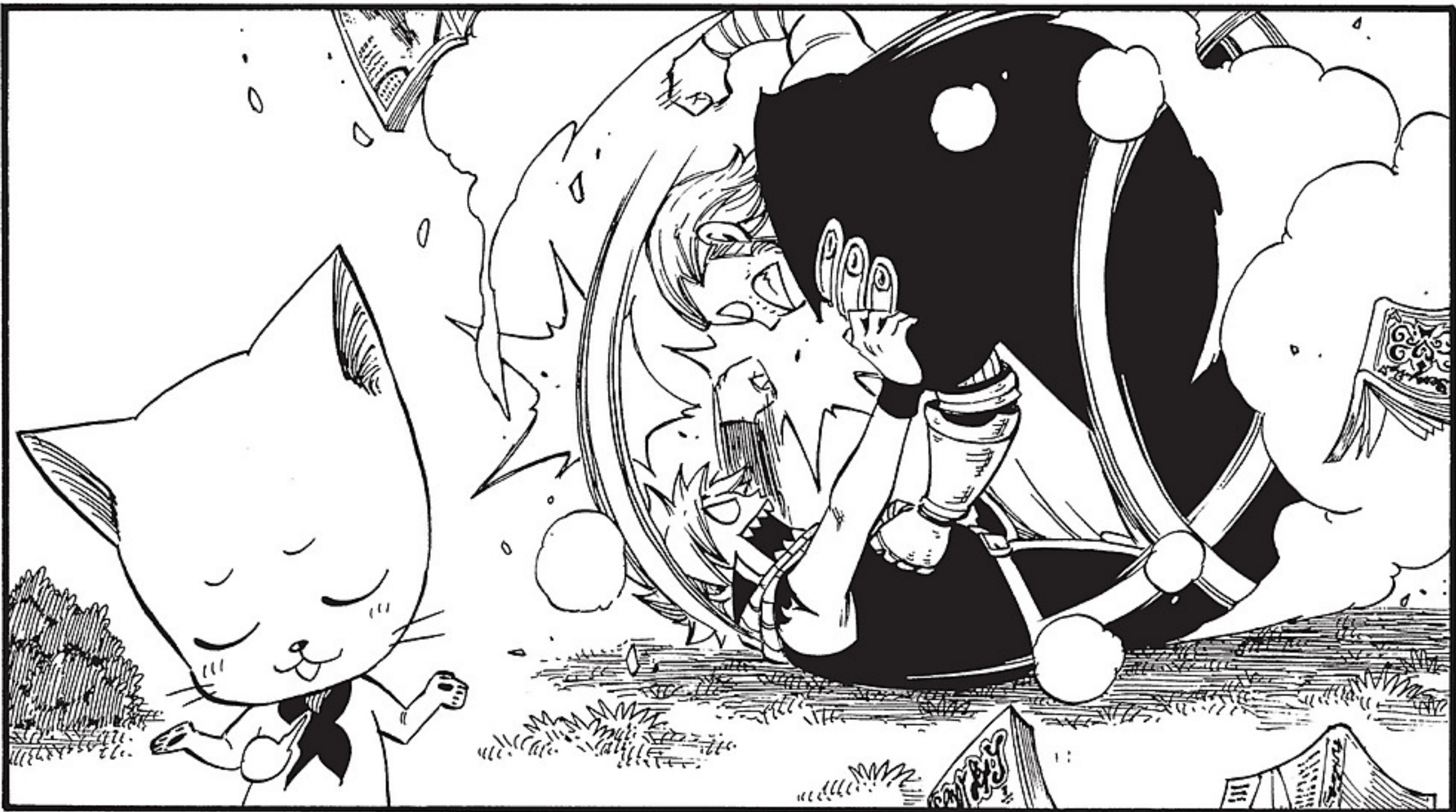
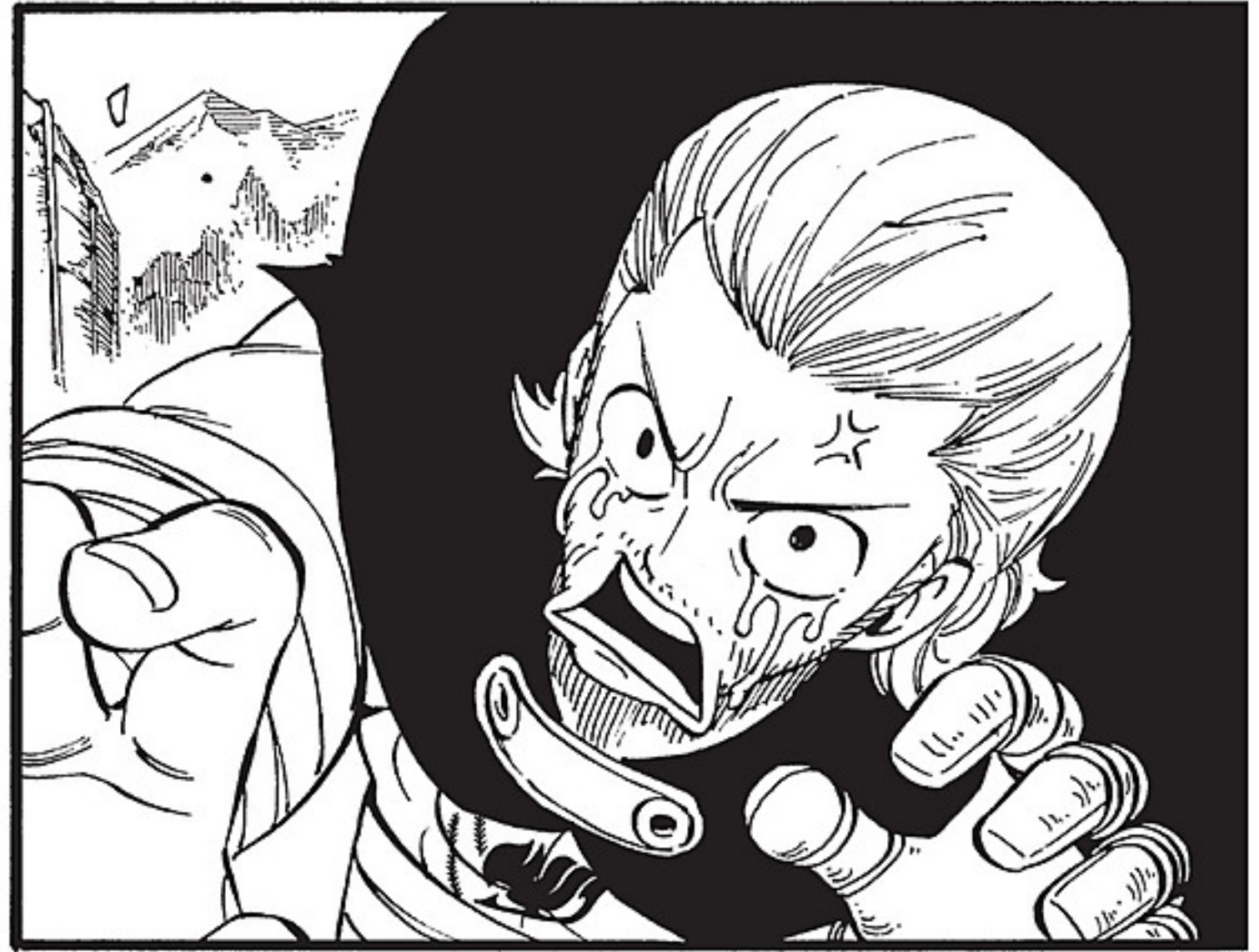
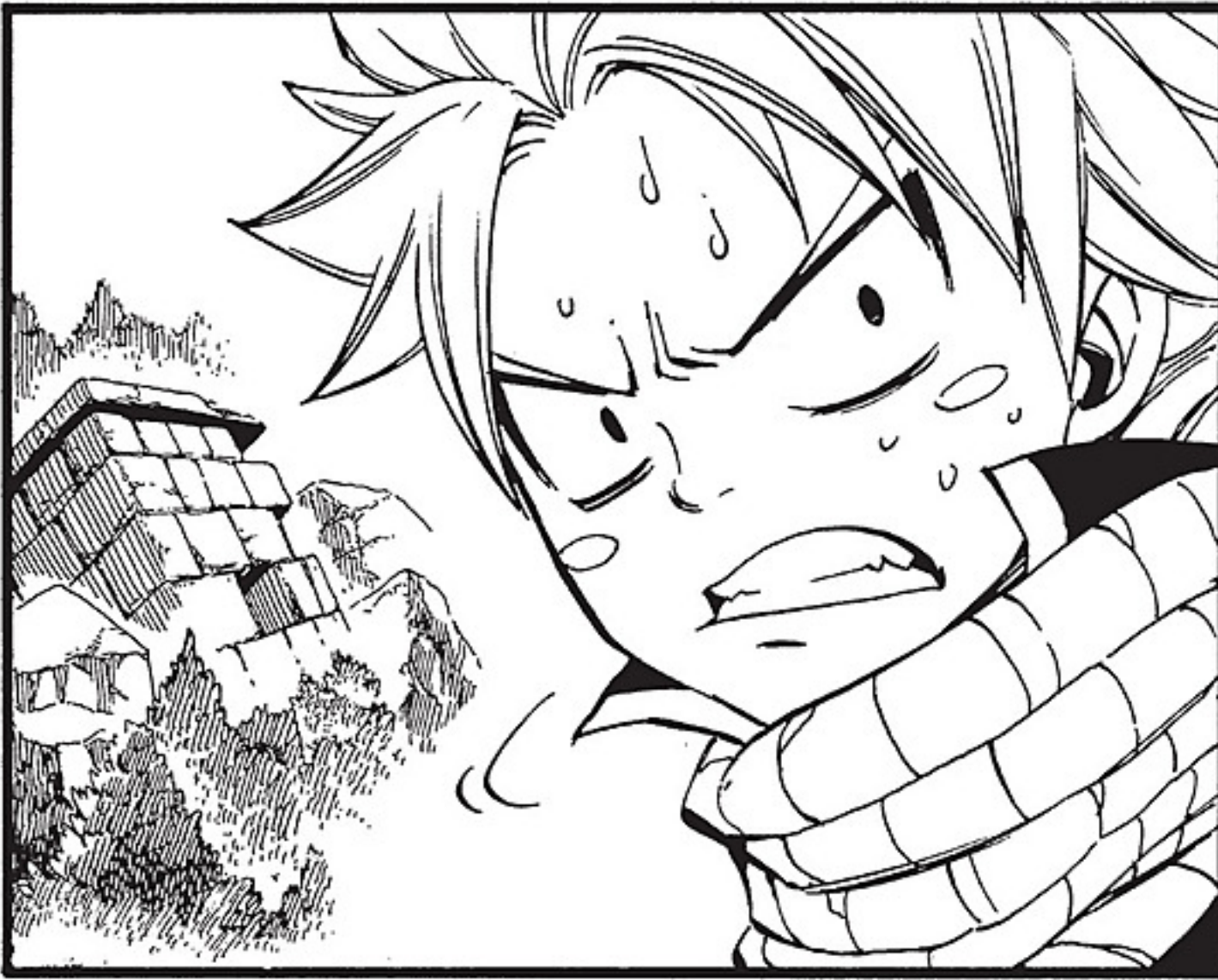


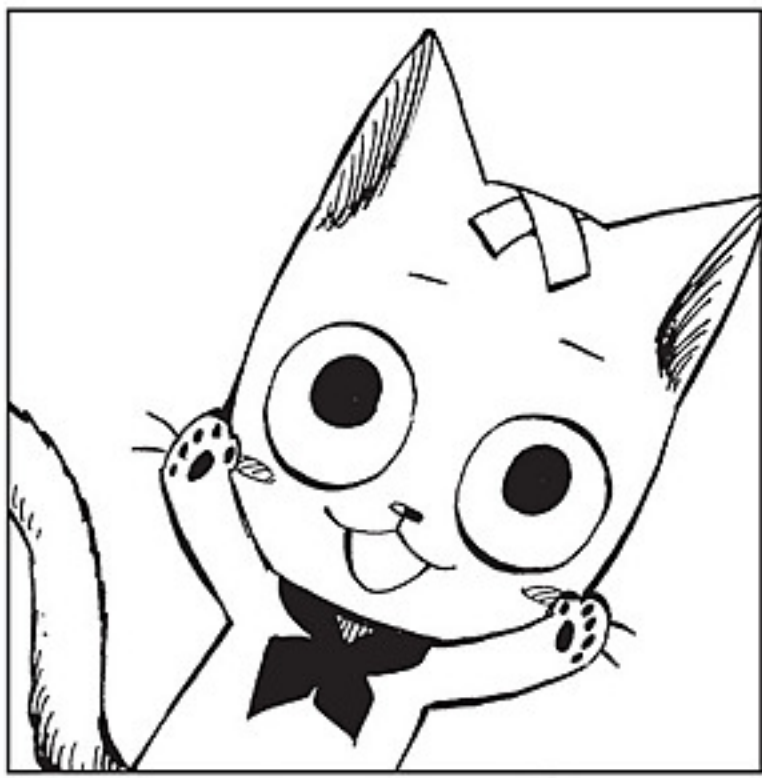




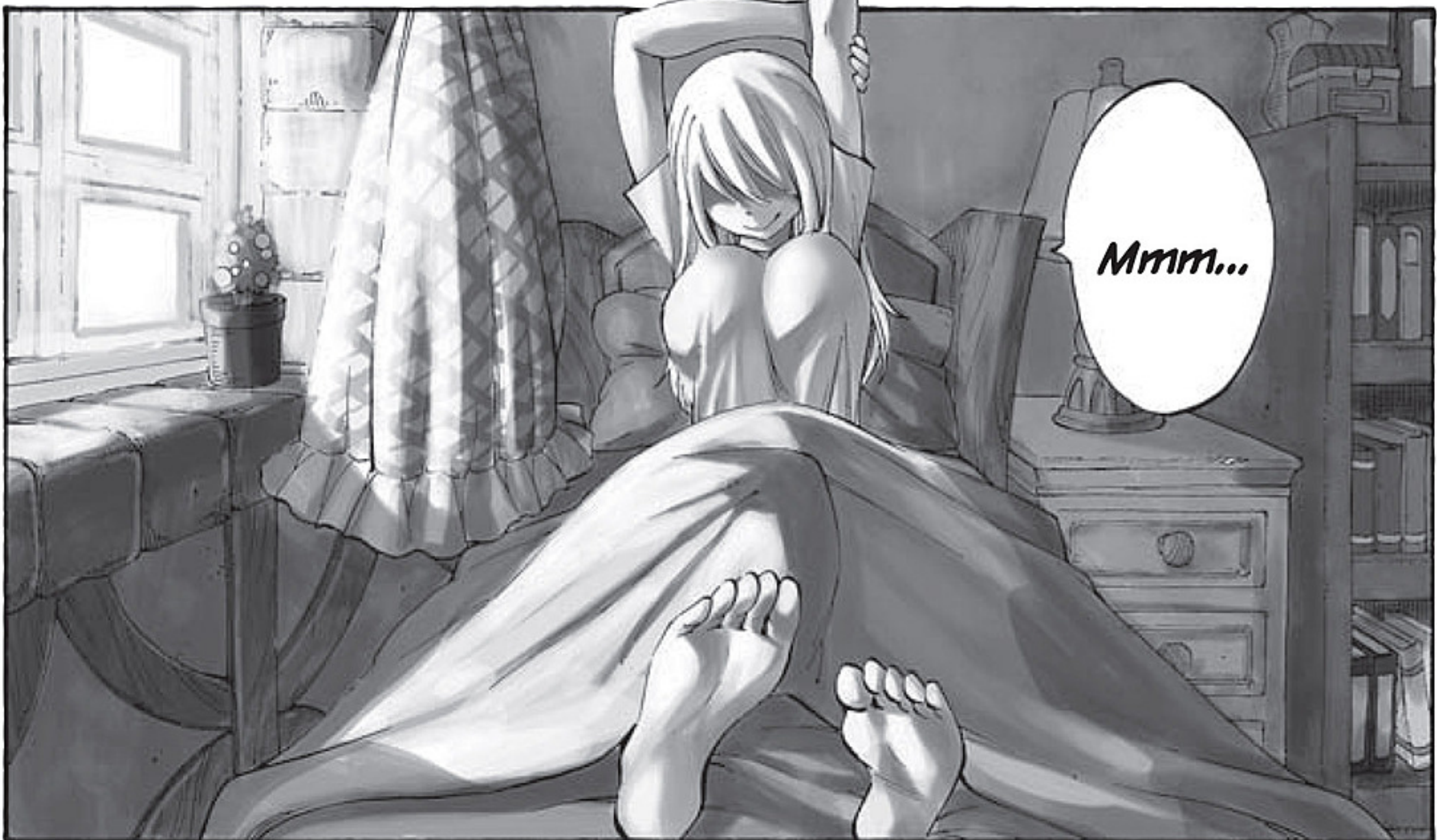


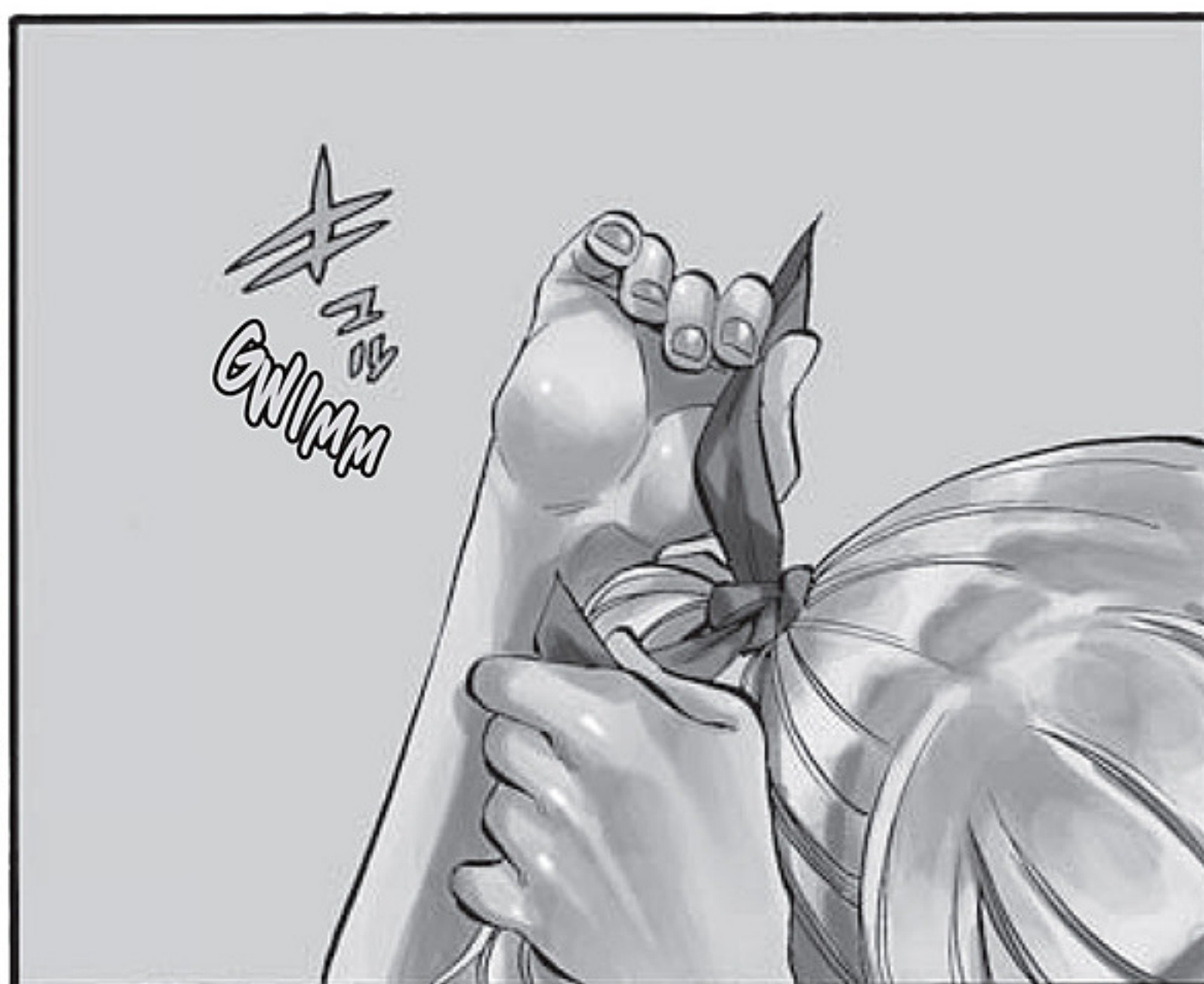
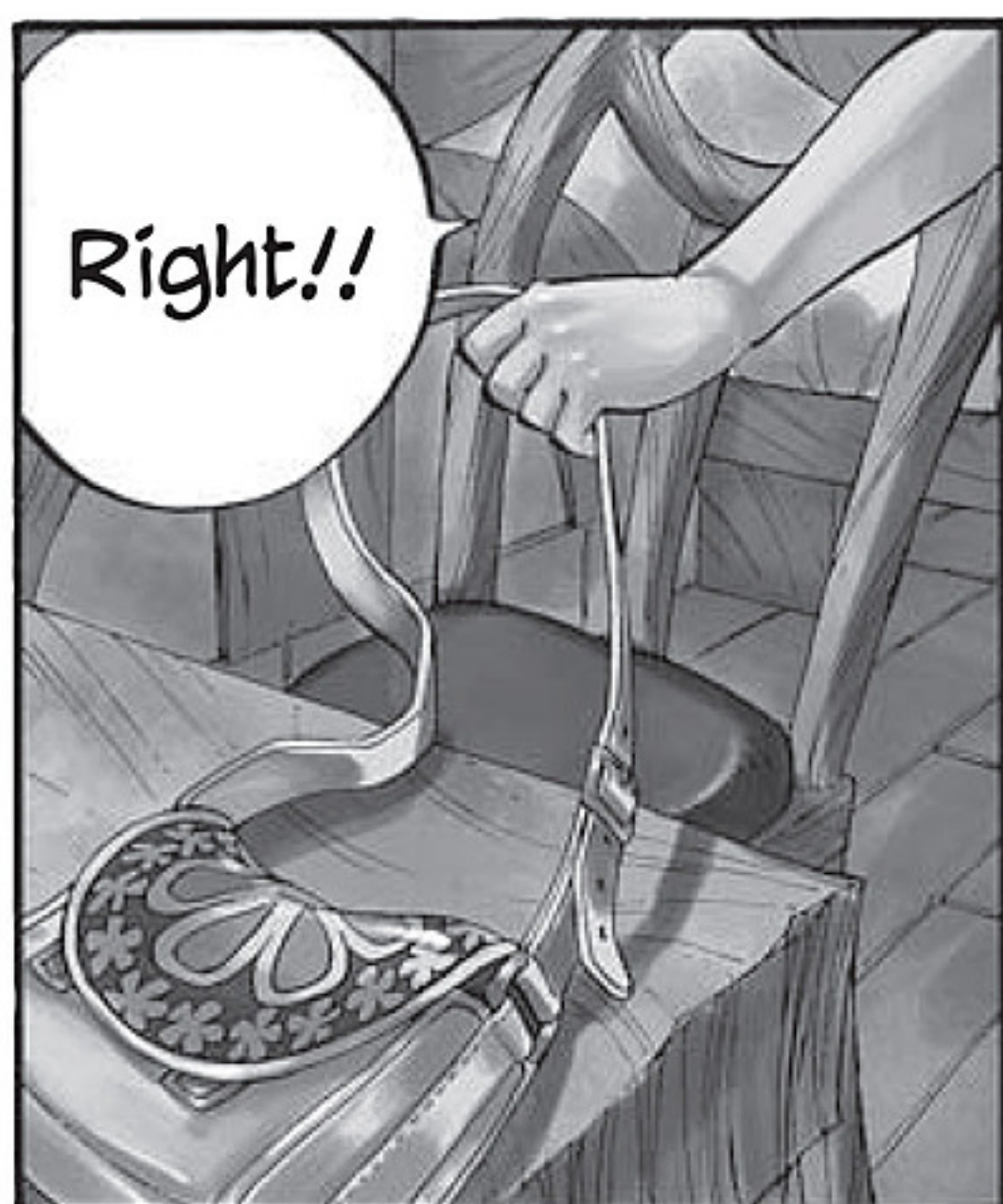
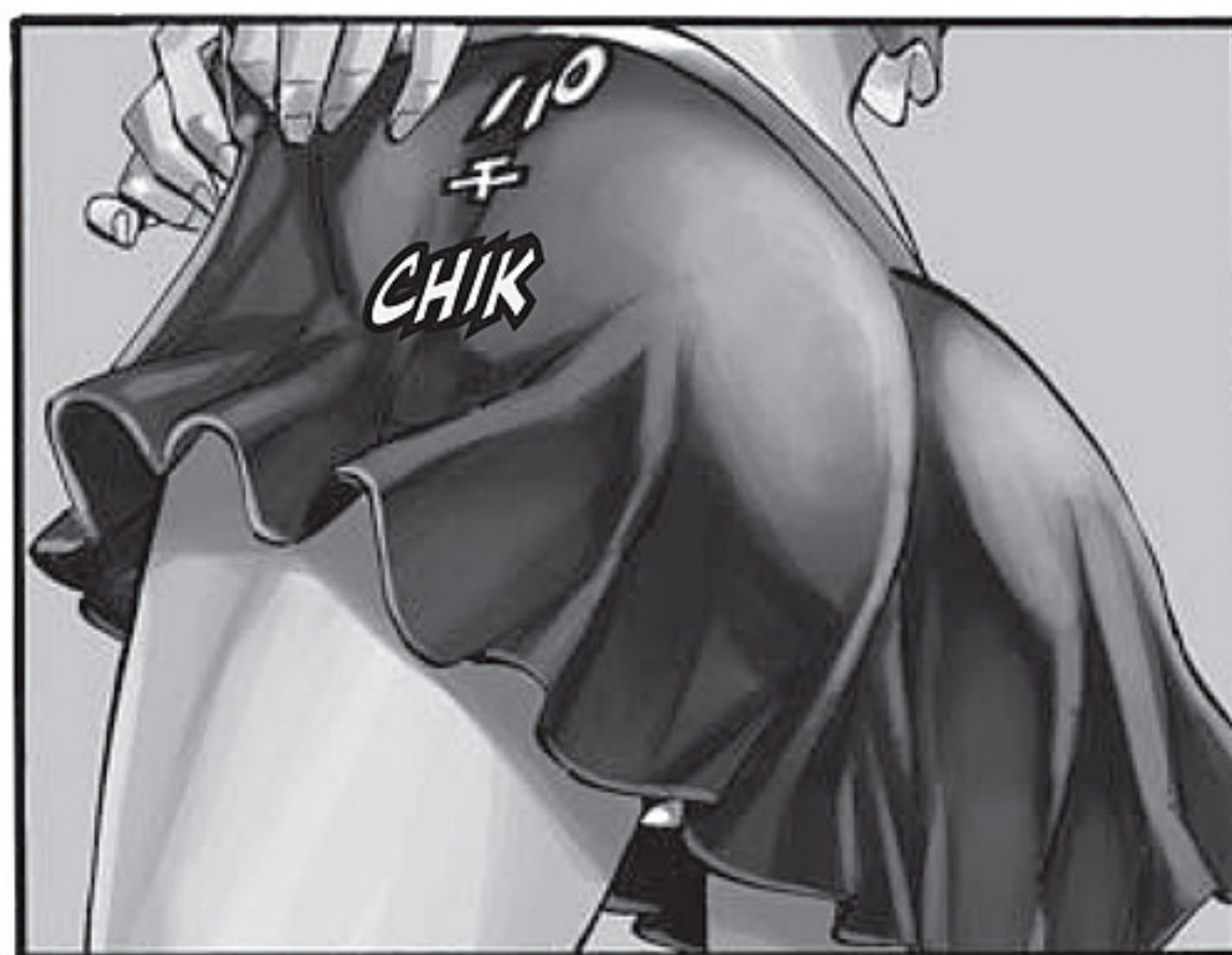
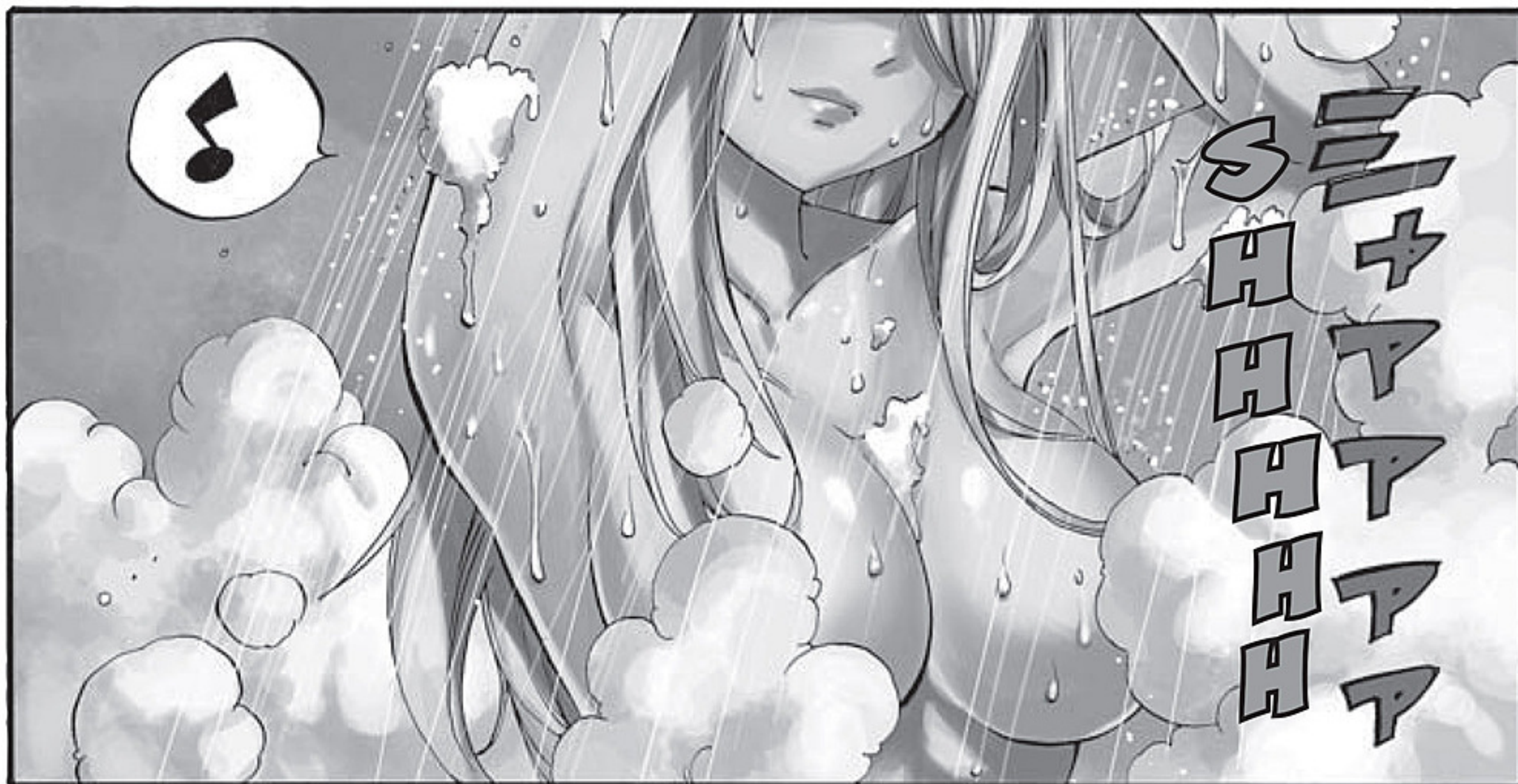






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X792,
one year
after the
battle with
Tartaros

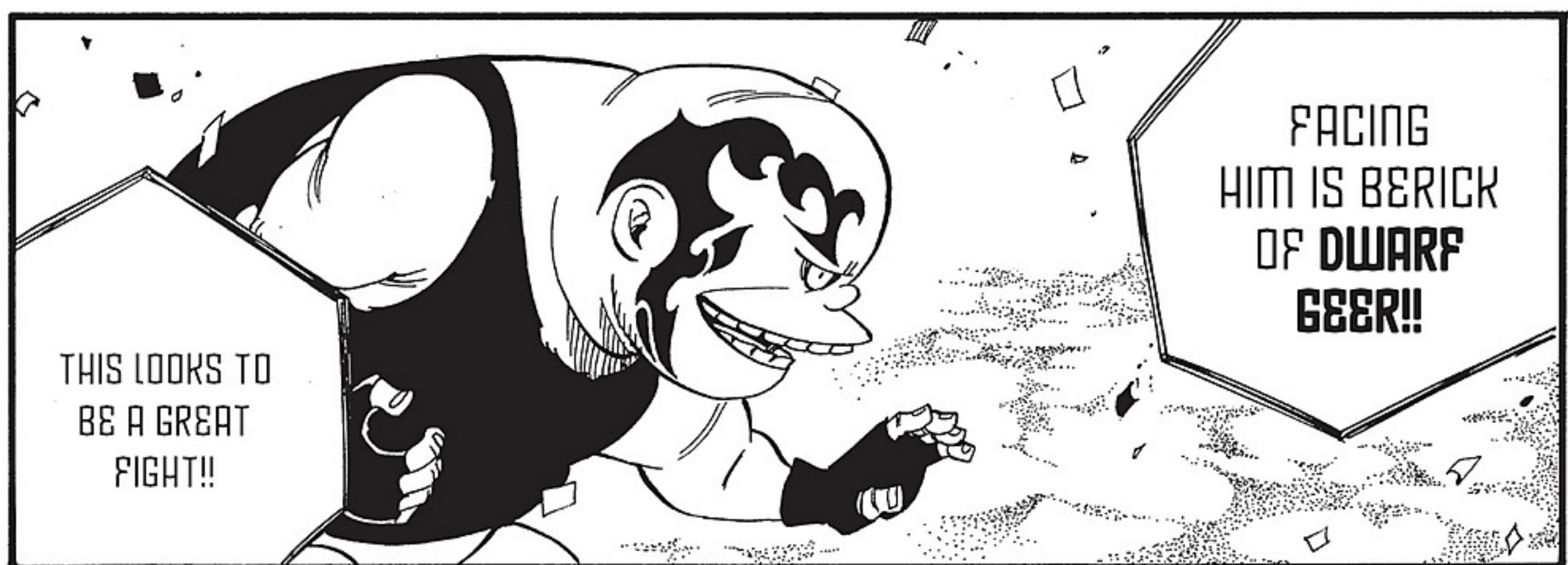
Crocus,
the
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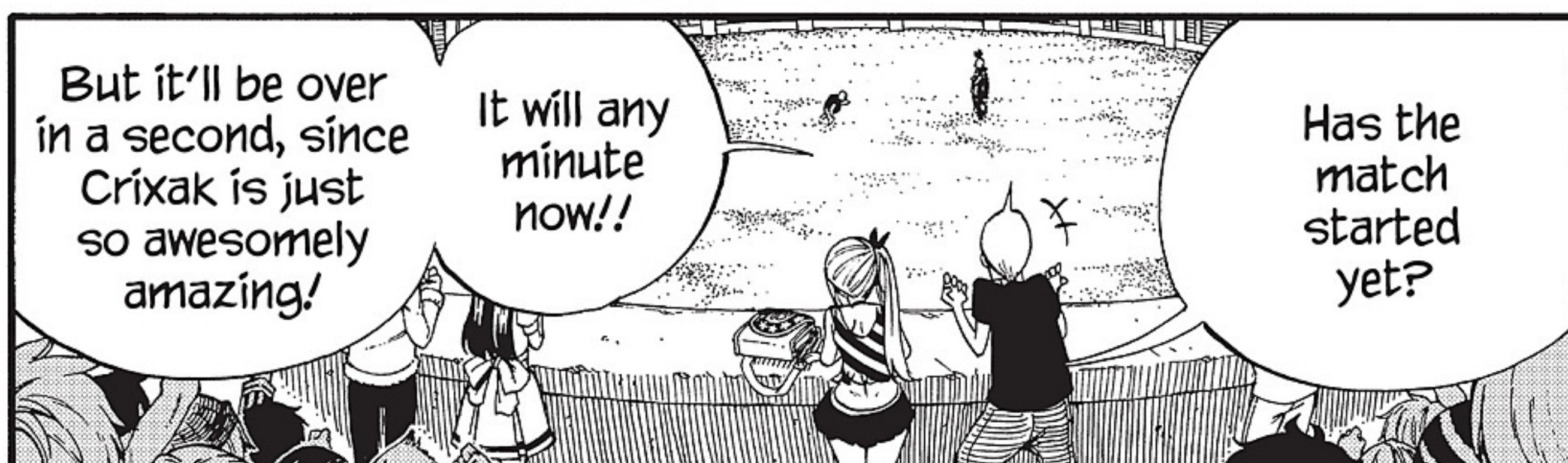


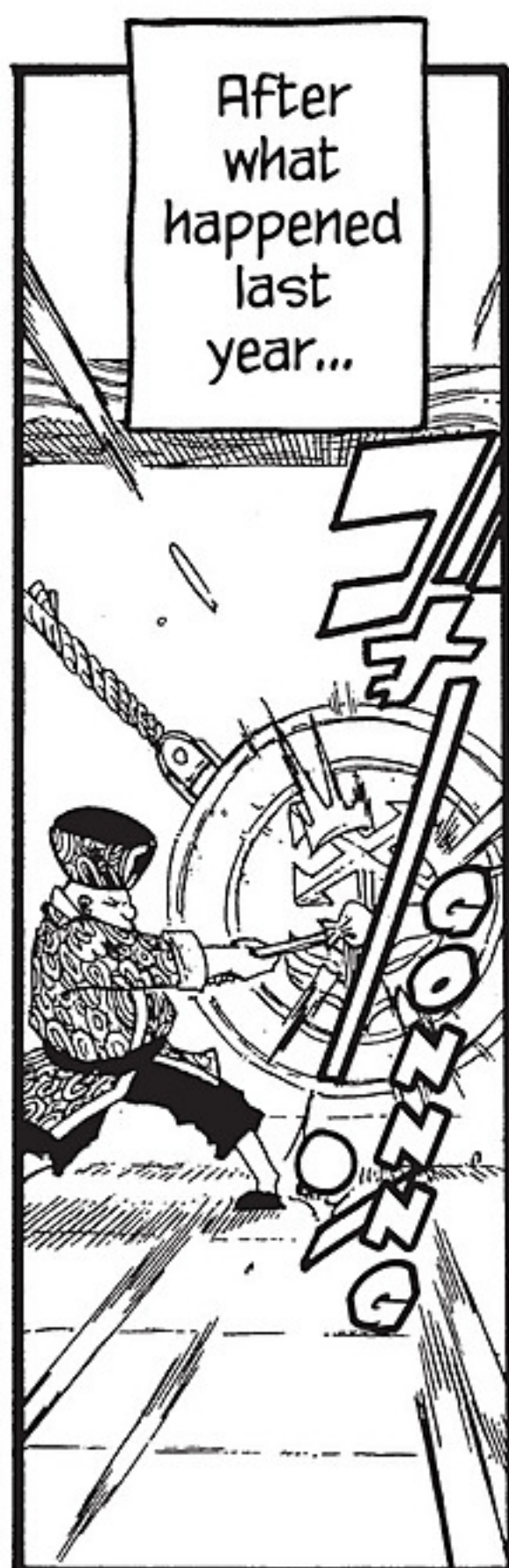
And we're ready to
begin the fourth day
of the Grand Magic
Games!!! I have
to say, we've had
a string of really
heated, wide-ranging
matches!!



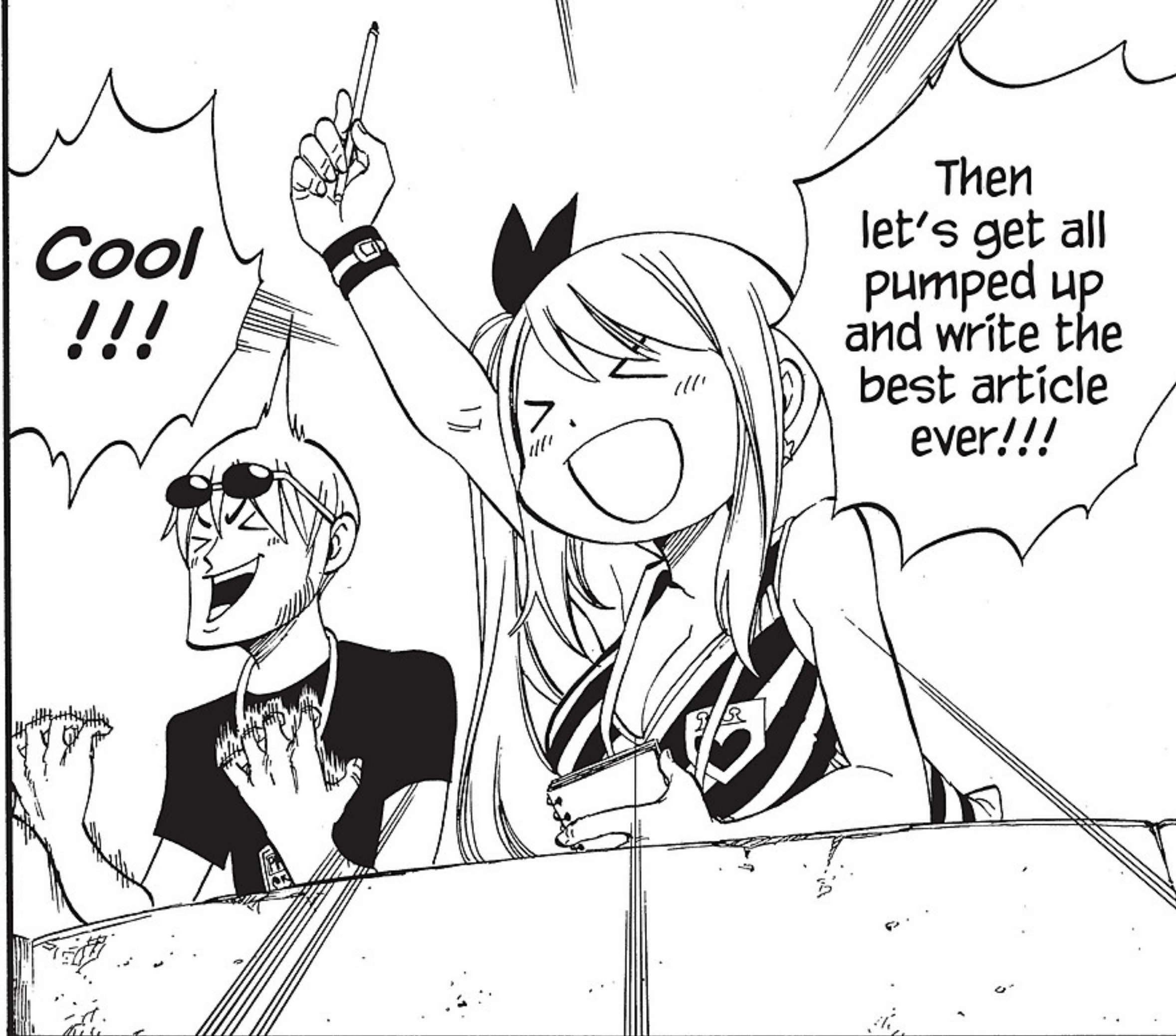
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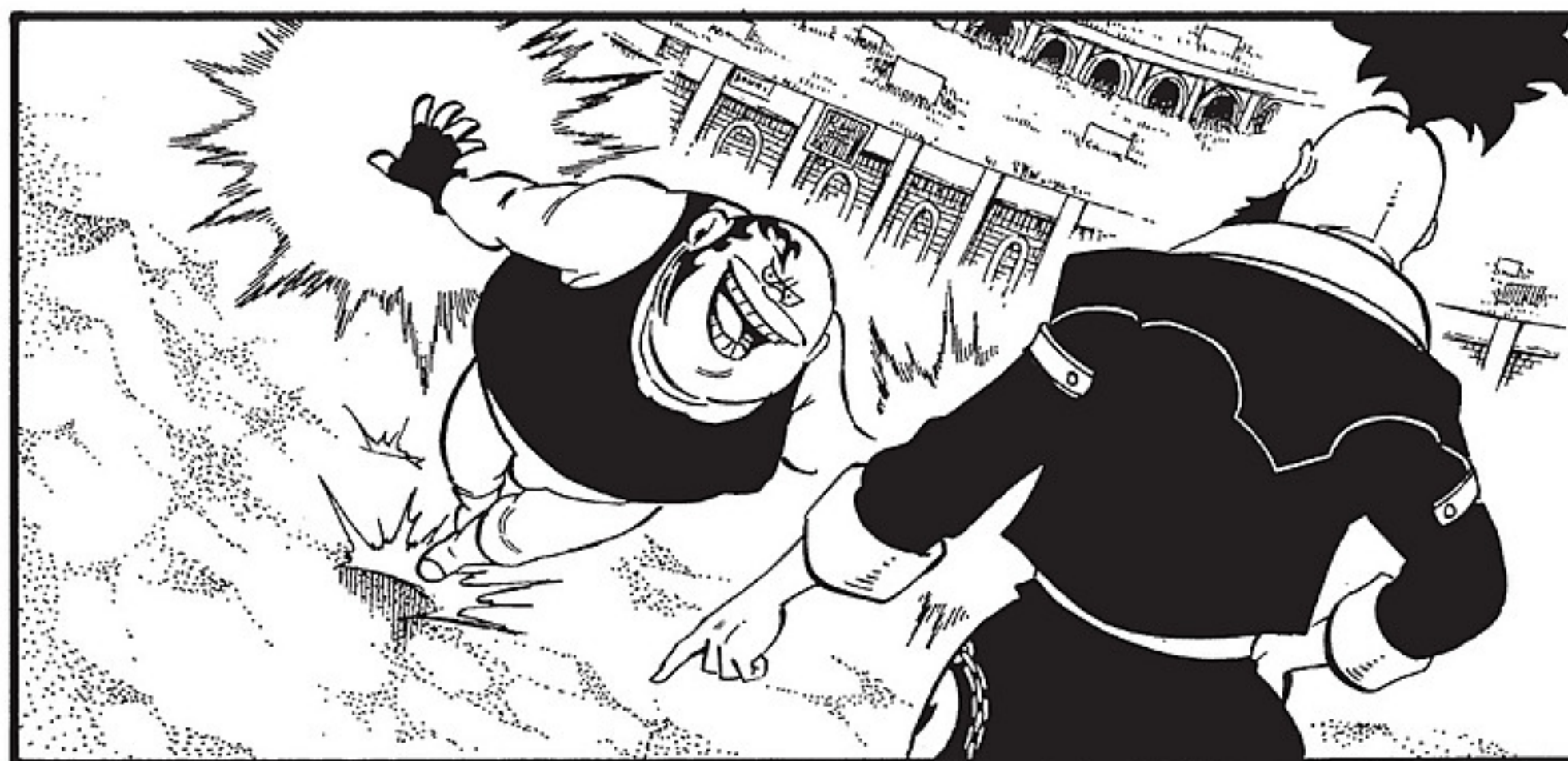


After
what
happened
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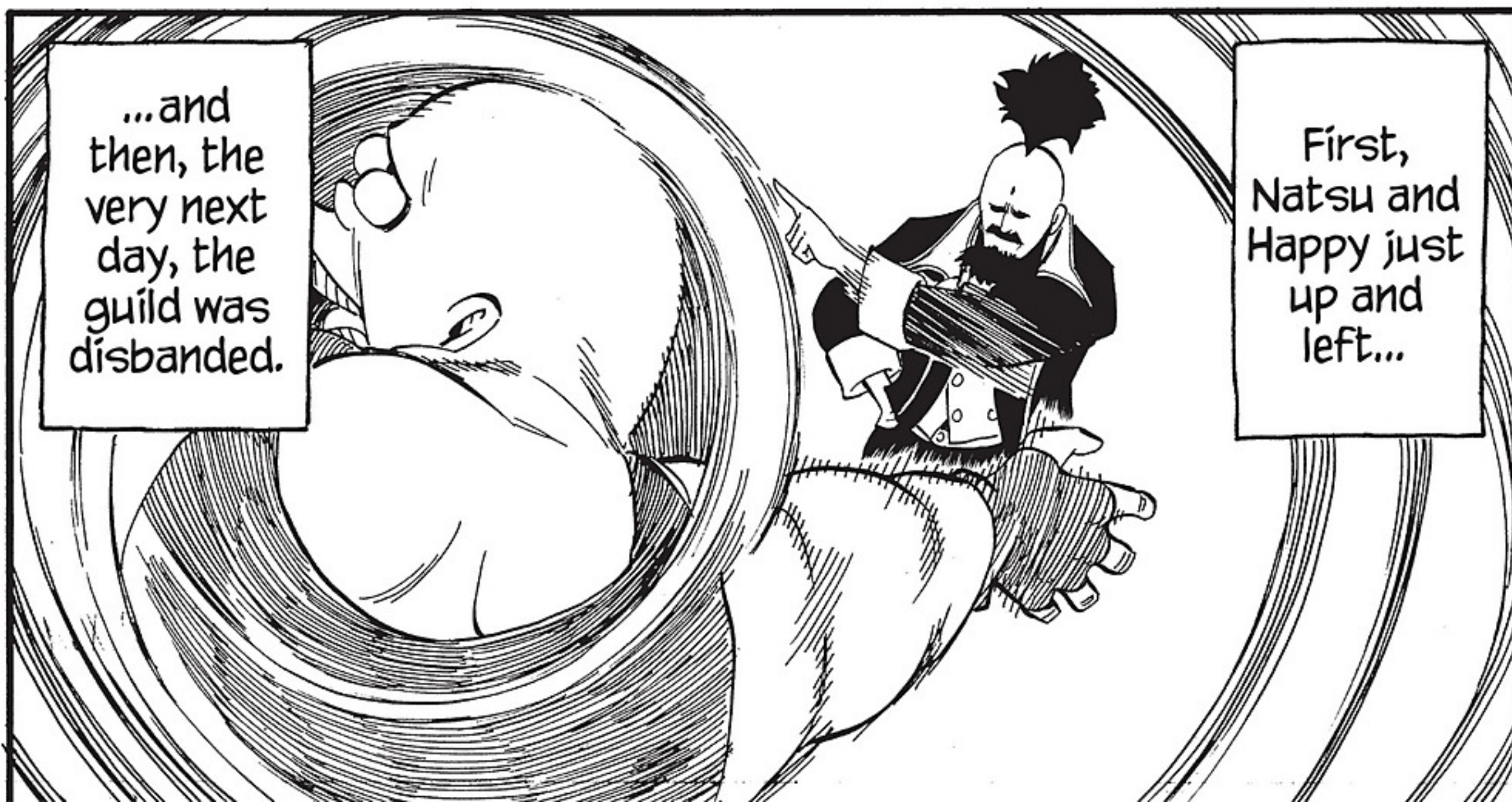


**Cool
!!!**

Then
let's get all
pumped up
and write the
best article
ever!!!



I'm now
working as
an editor (in
training) at
the Weekly
Sorcerer.



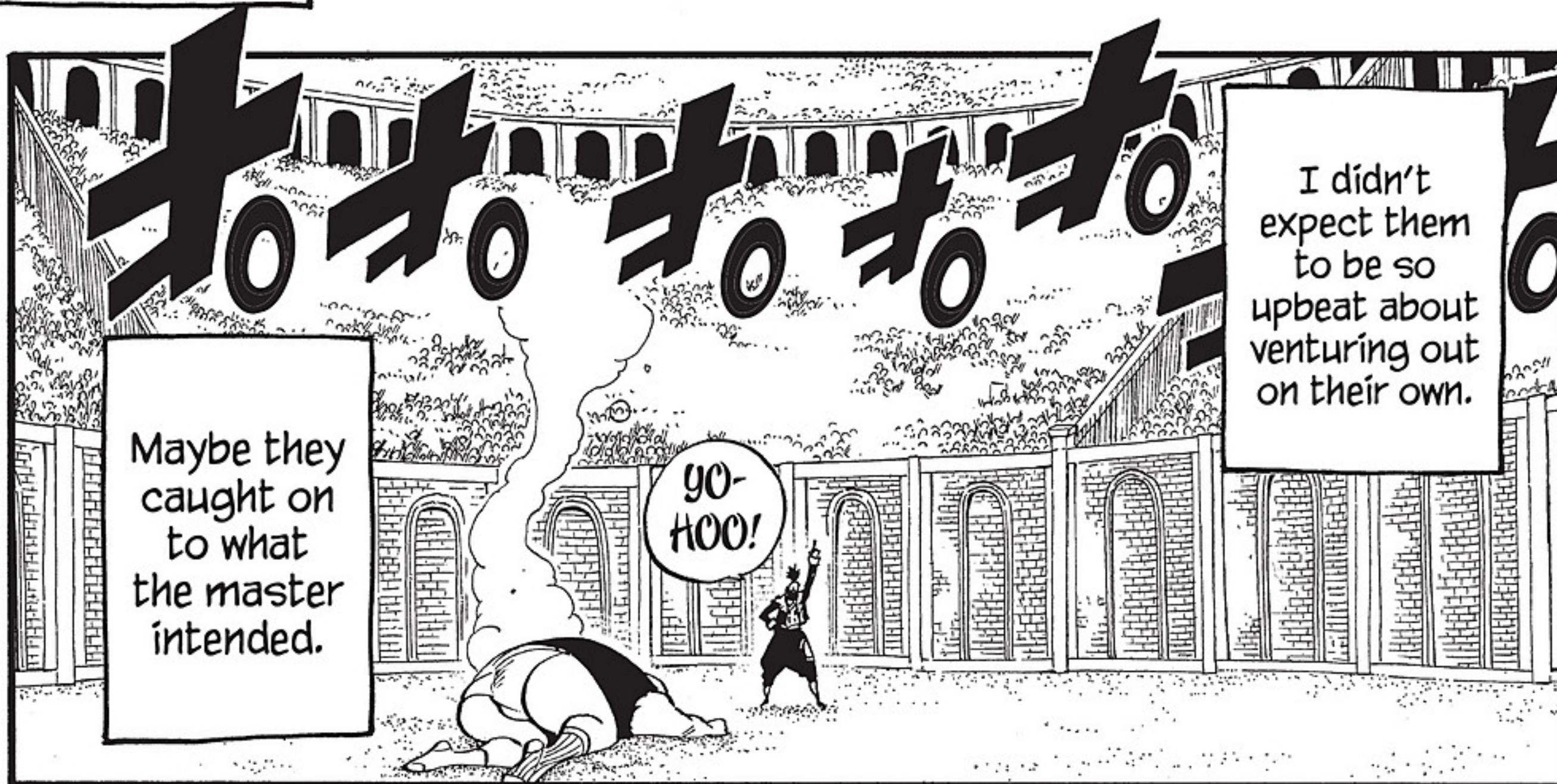
...and
then, the
very next
day, the
guild was
disbanded.

First,
Natsu and
Happy just
up and
left...

But... the others started finding their own paths.

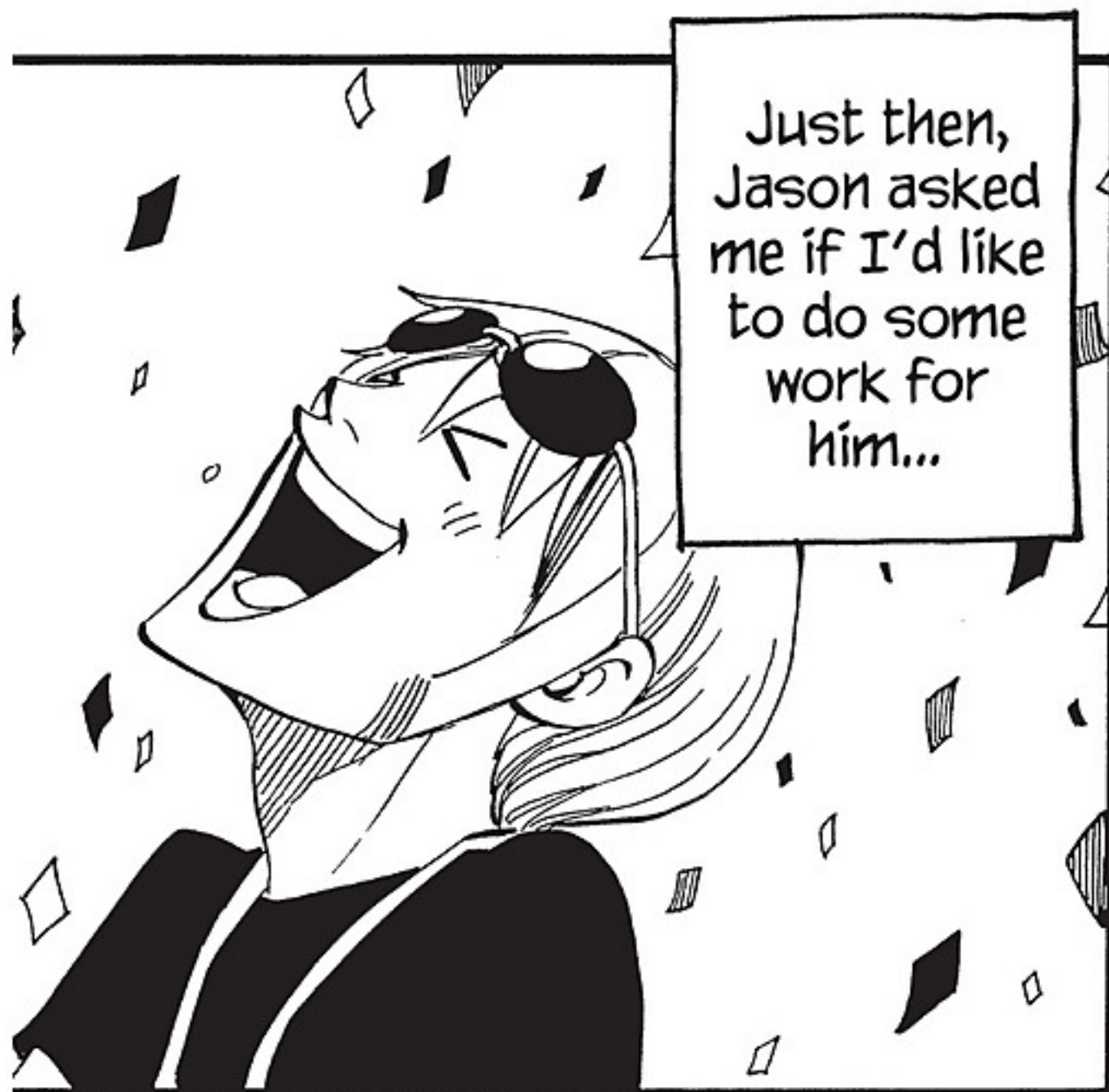


I couldn't handle it all, so I got kinda depressed for a while.



Maybe they caught on to what the master intended.

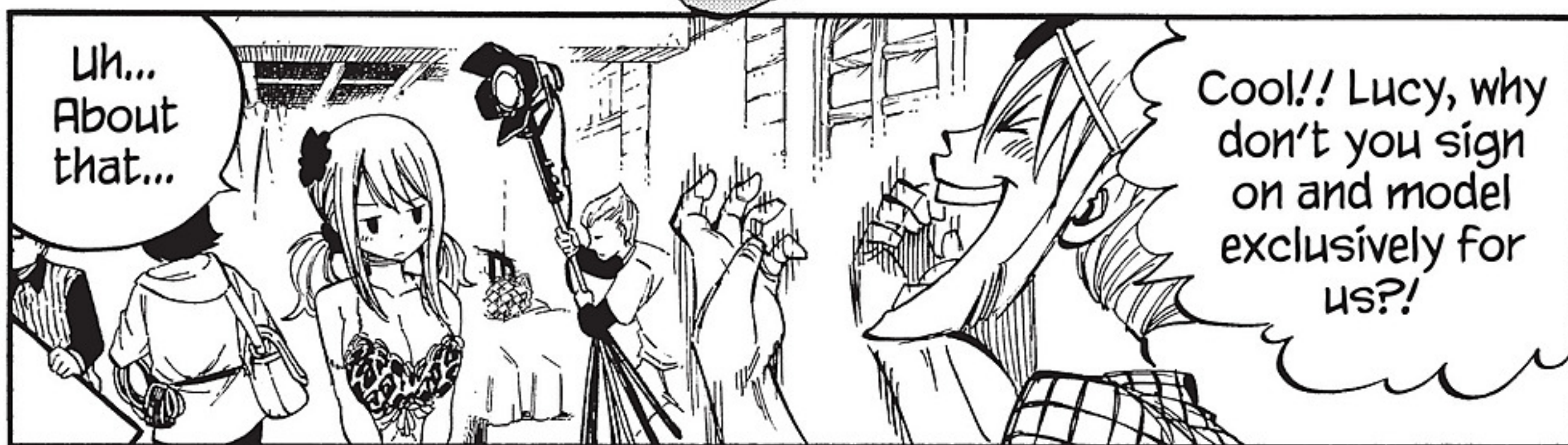
I didn't expect them to be so upbeat about venturing out on their own.

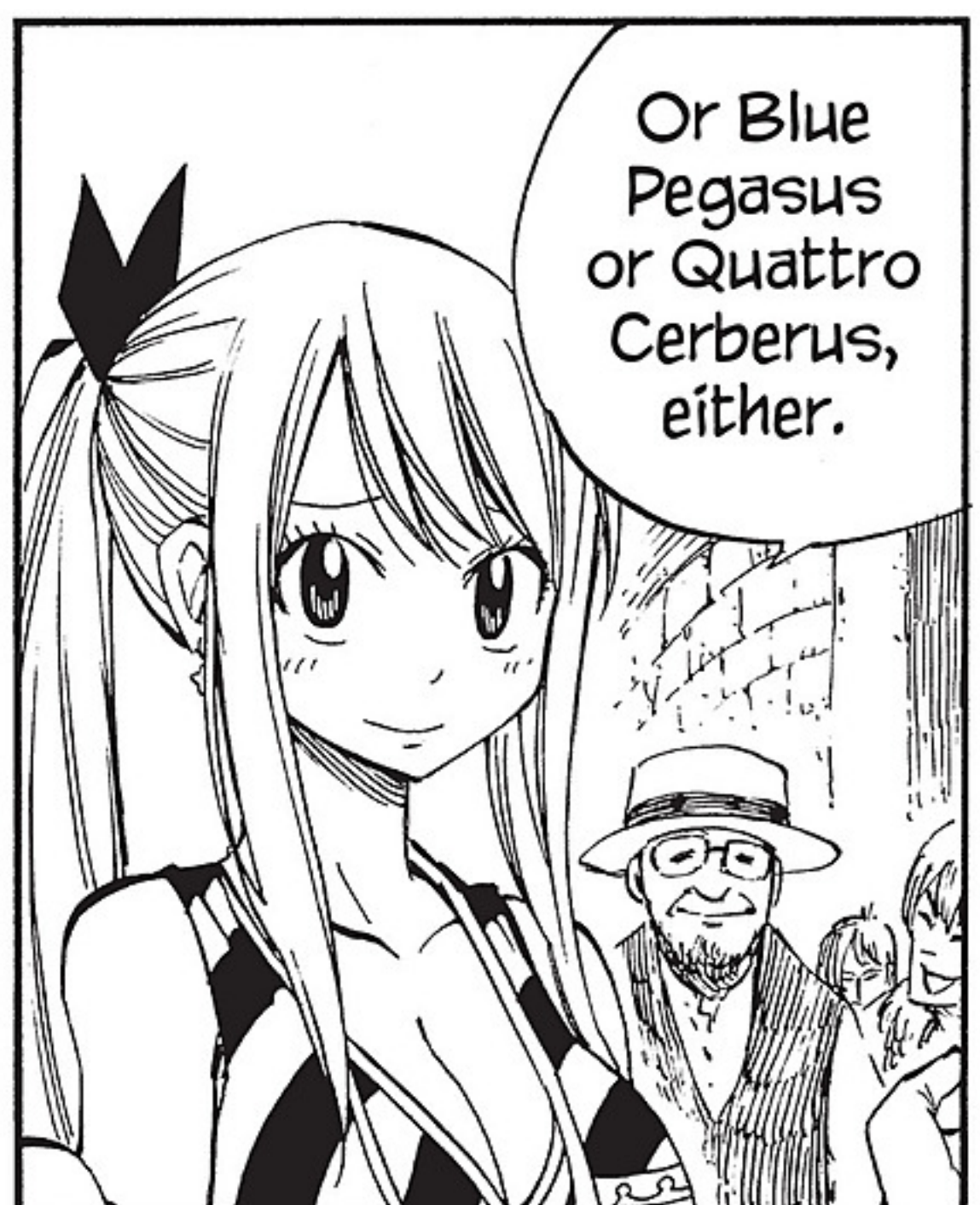
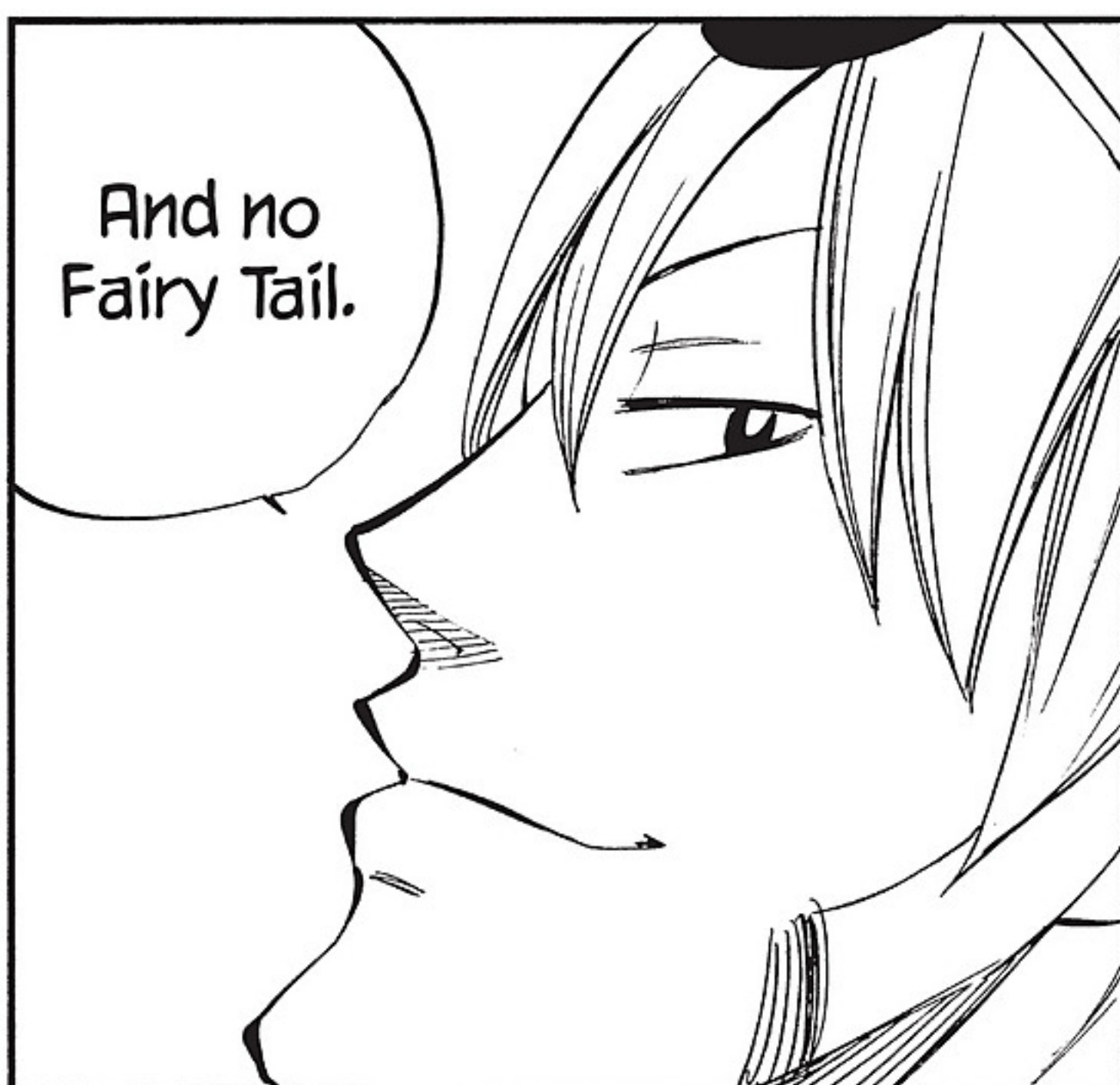
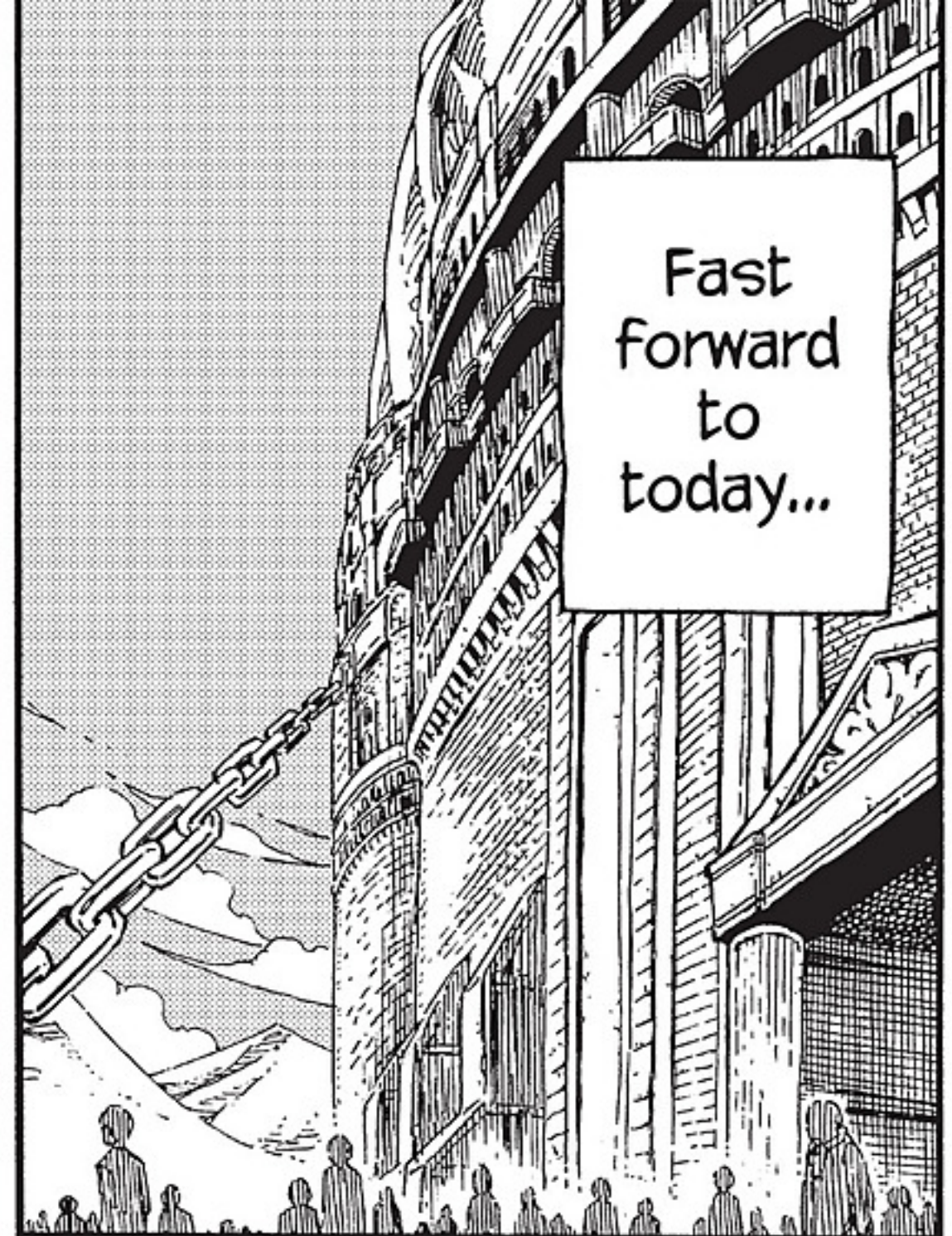


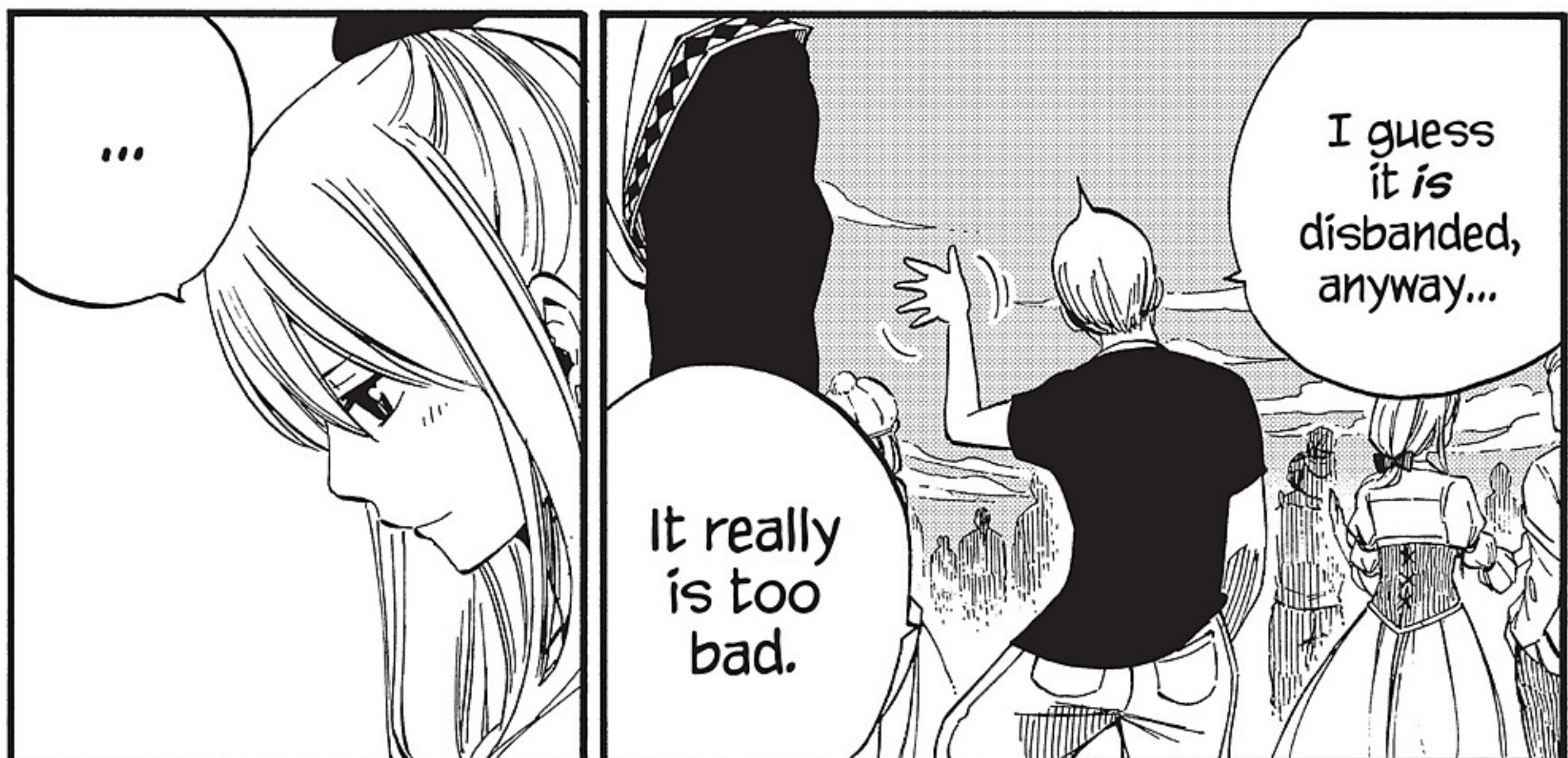
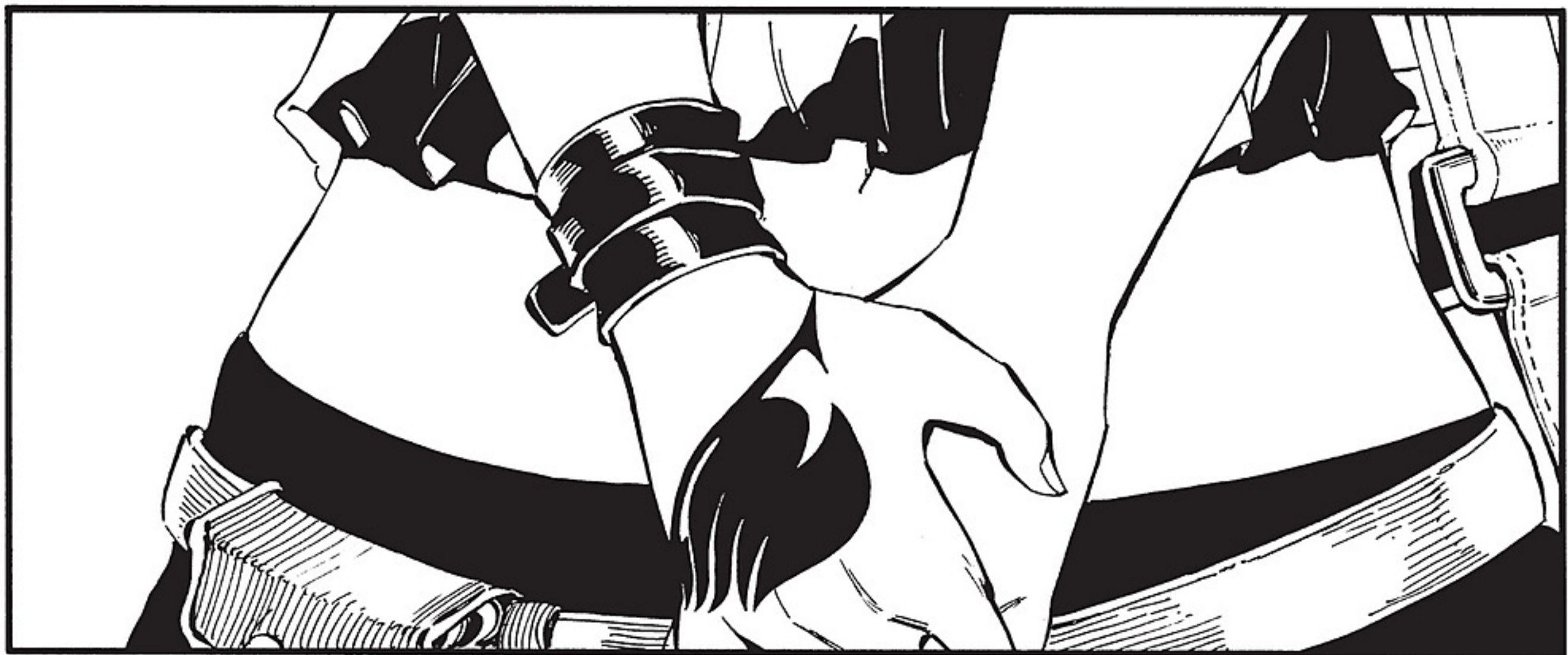
Just then, Jason asked me if I'd like to do some work for him...



So I figured I should go my own way too.

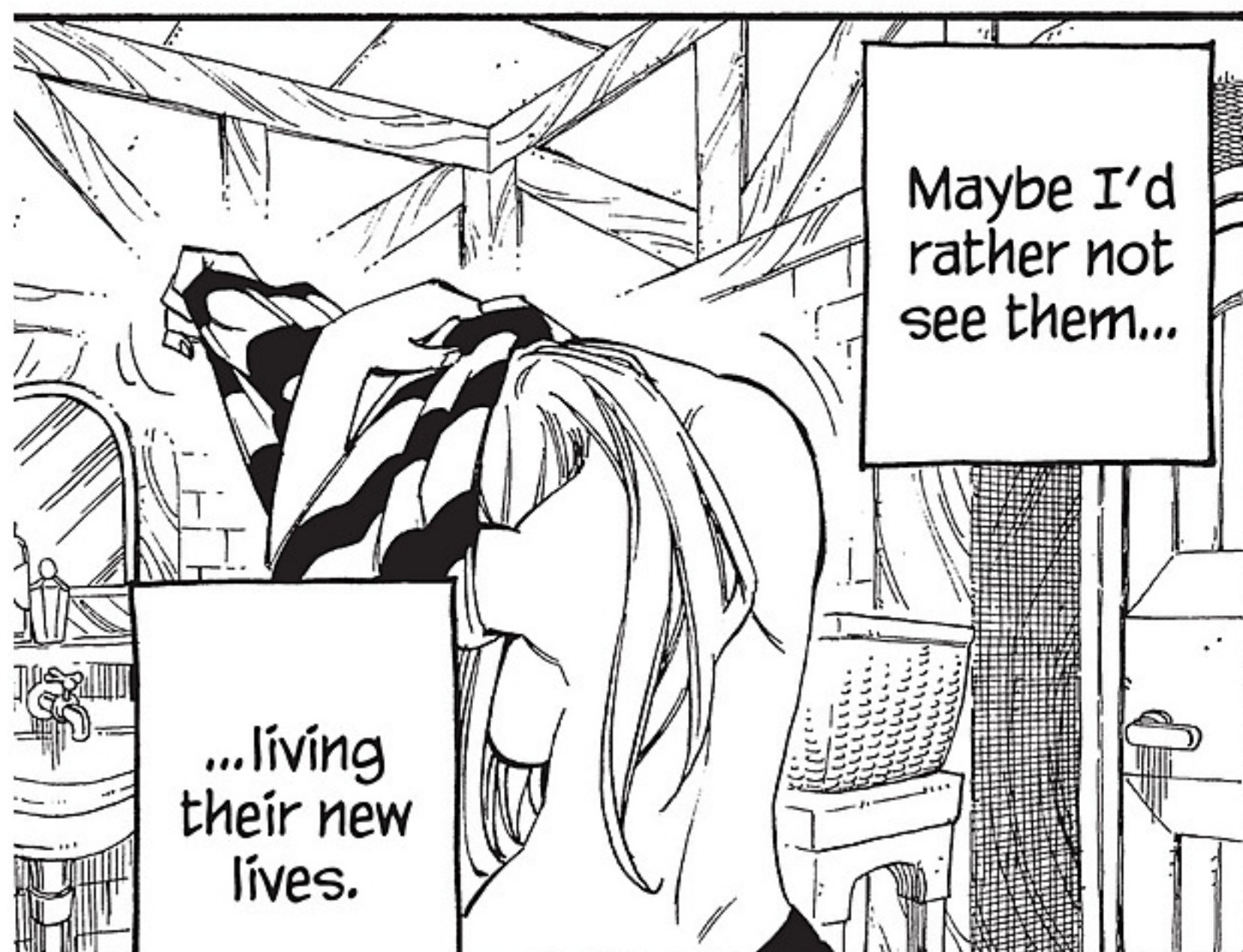






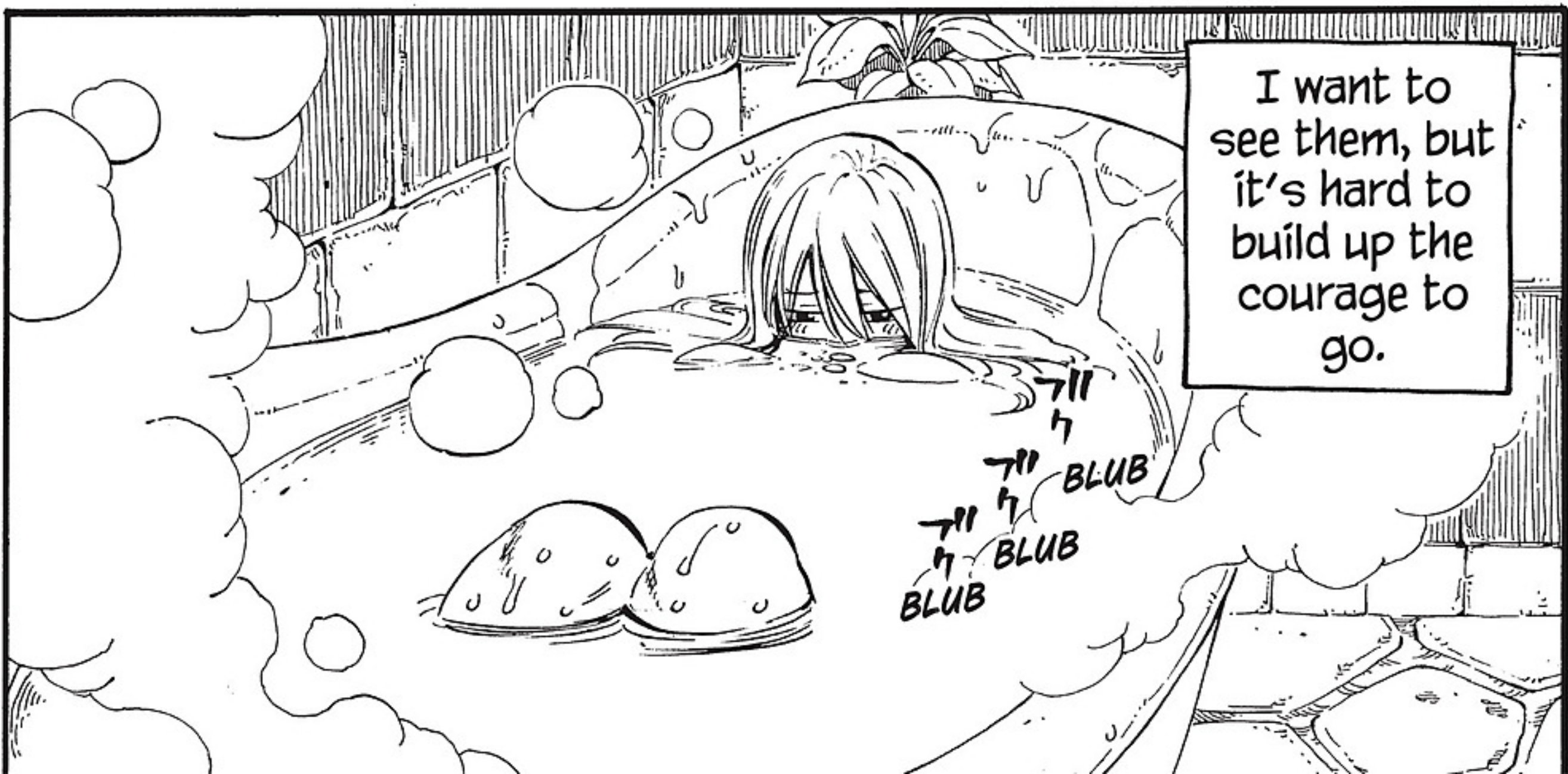
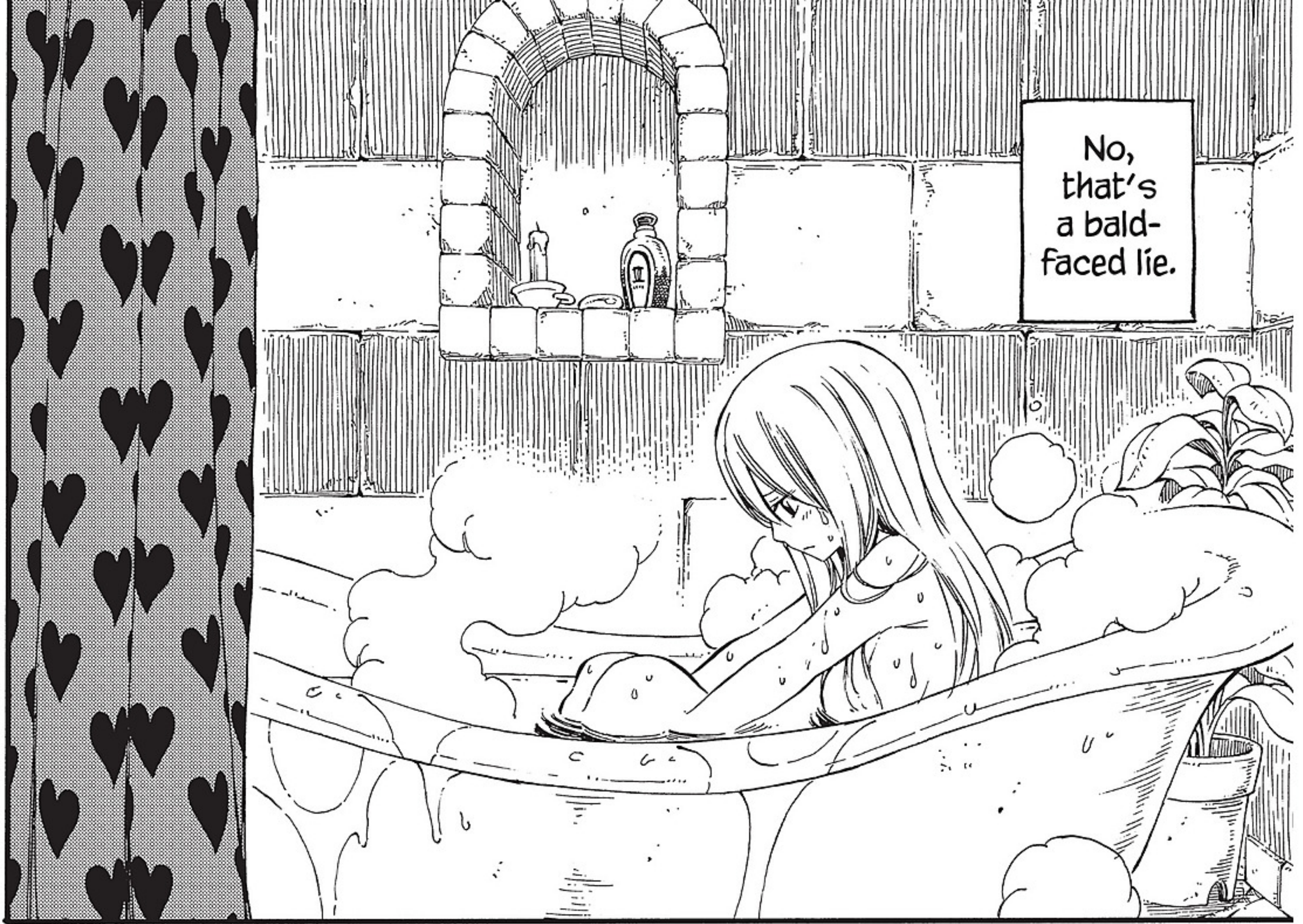


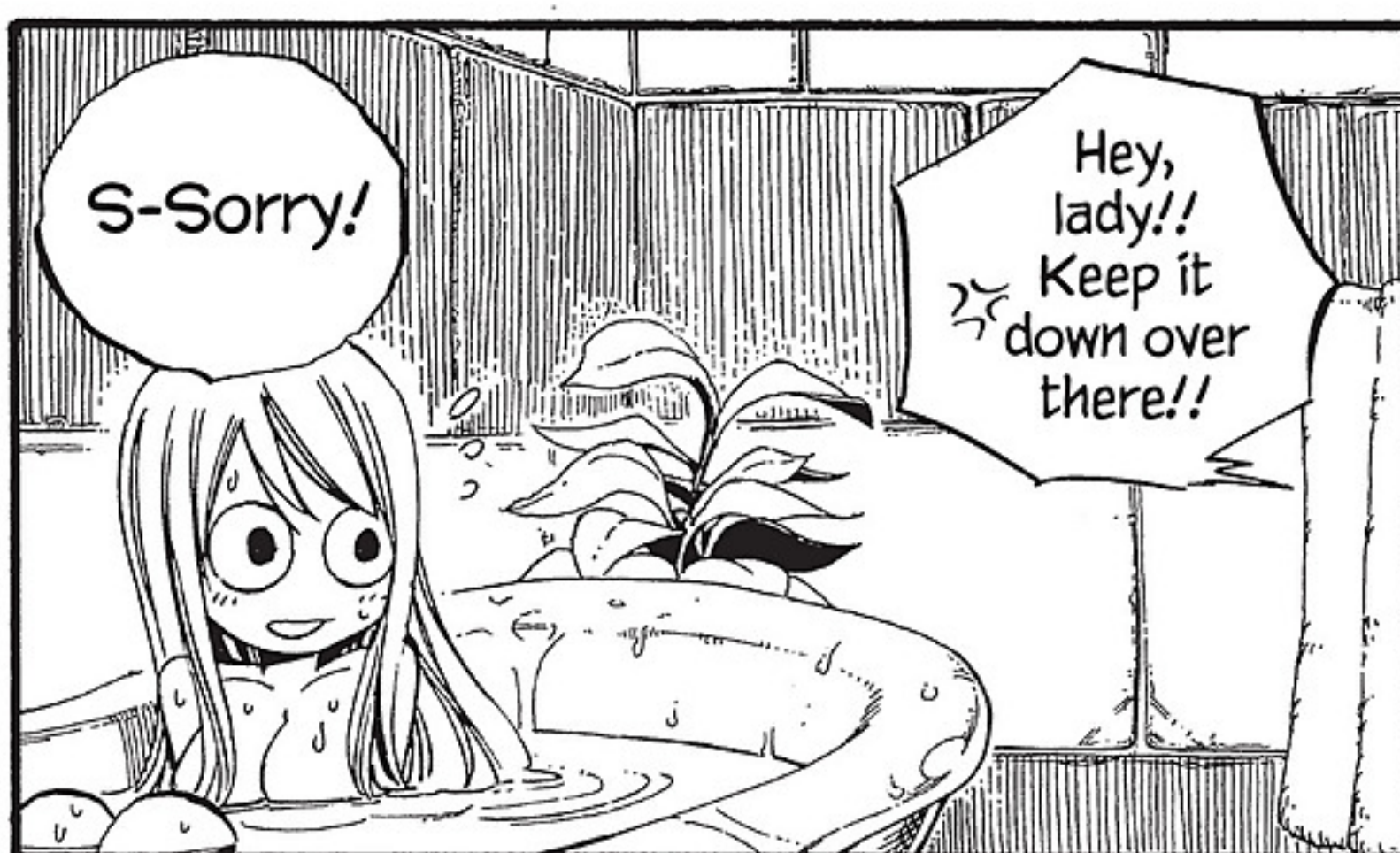
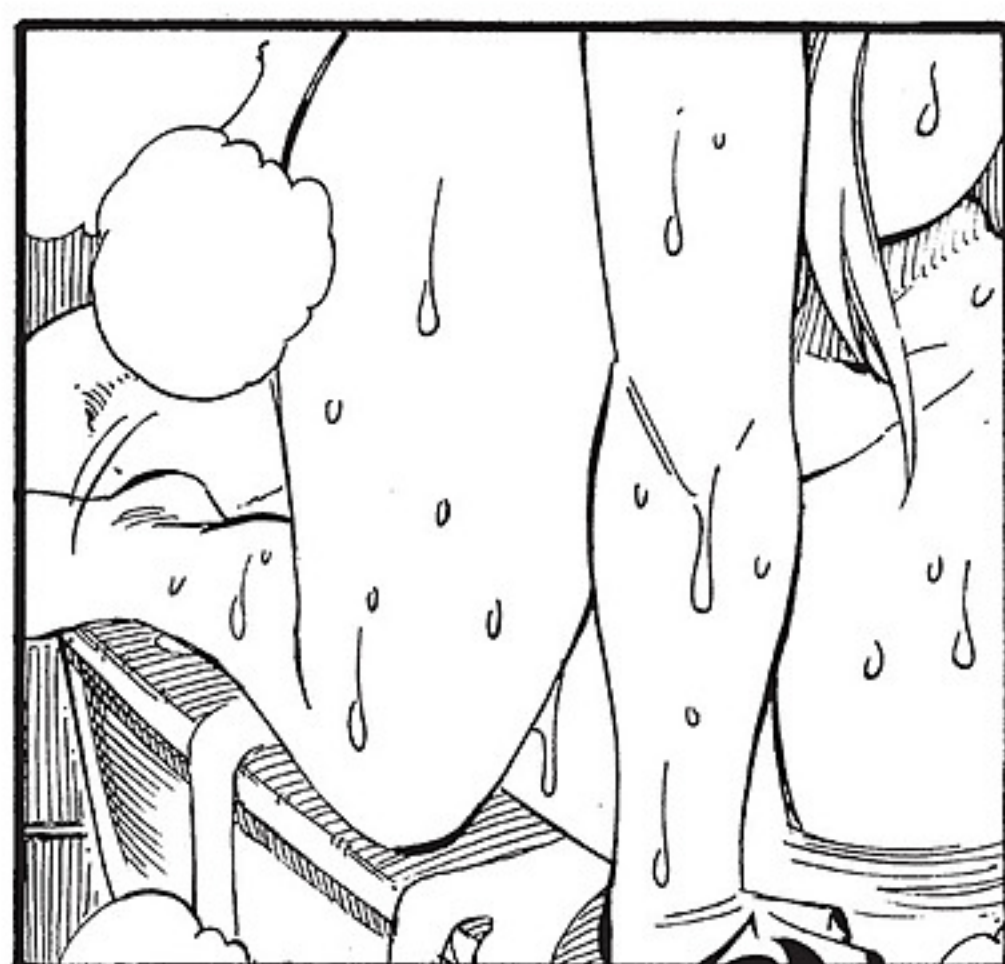
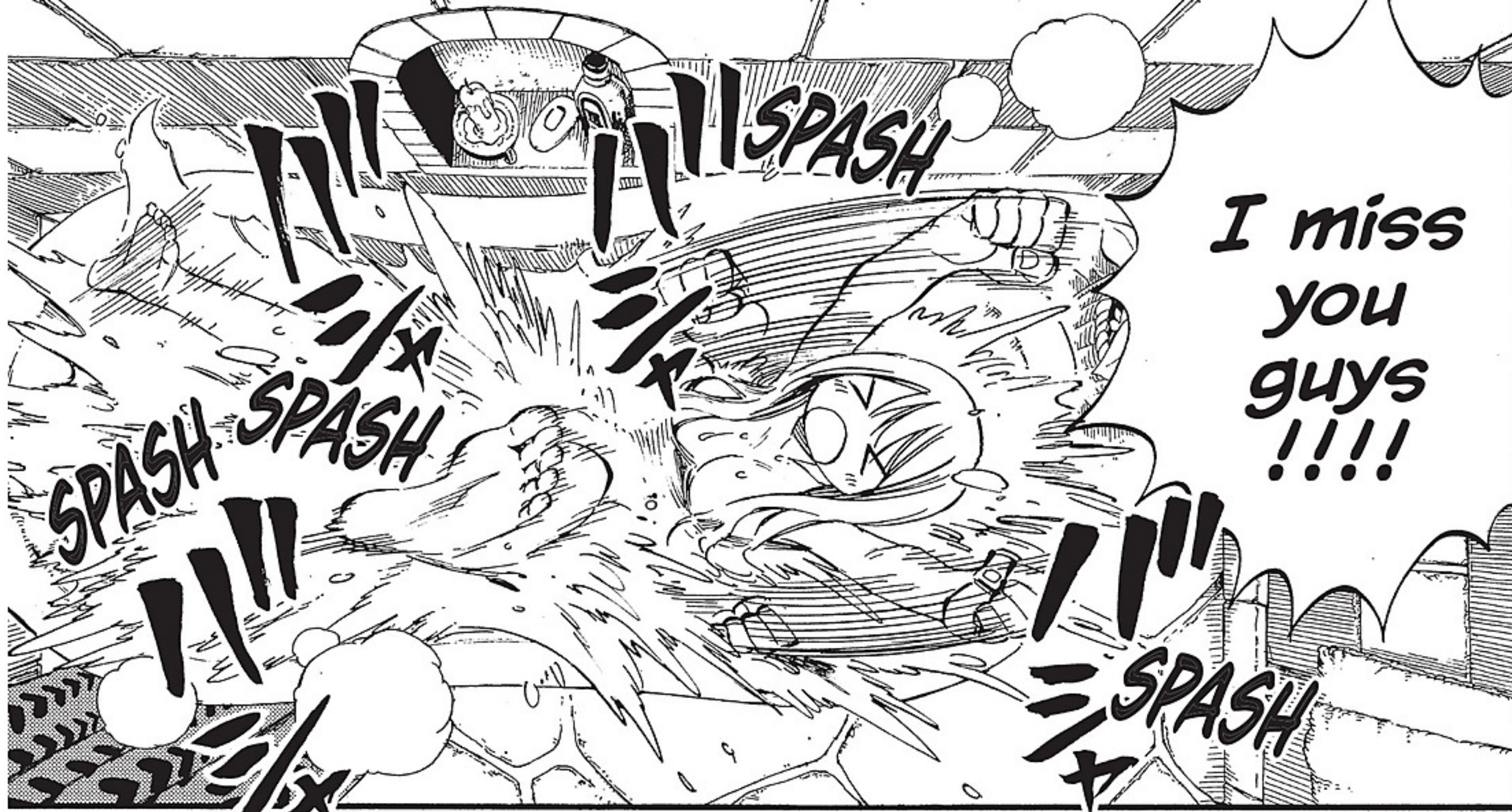
Well,
I'm
pretty
busy.

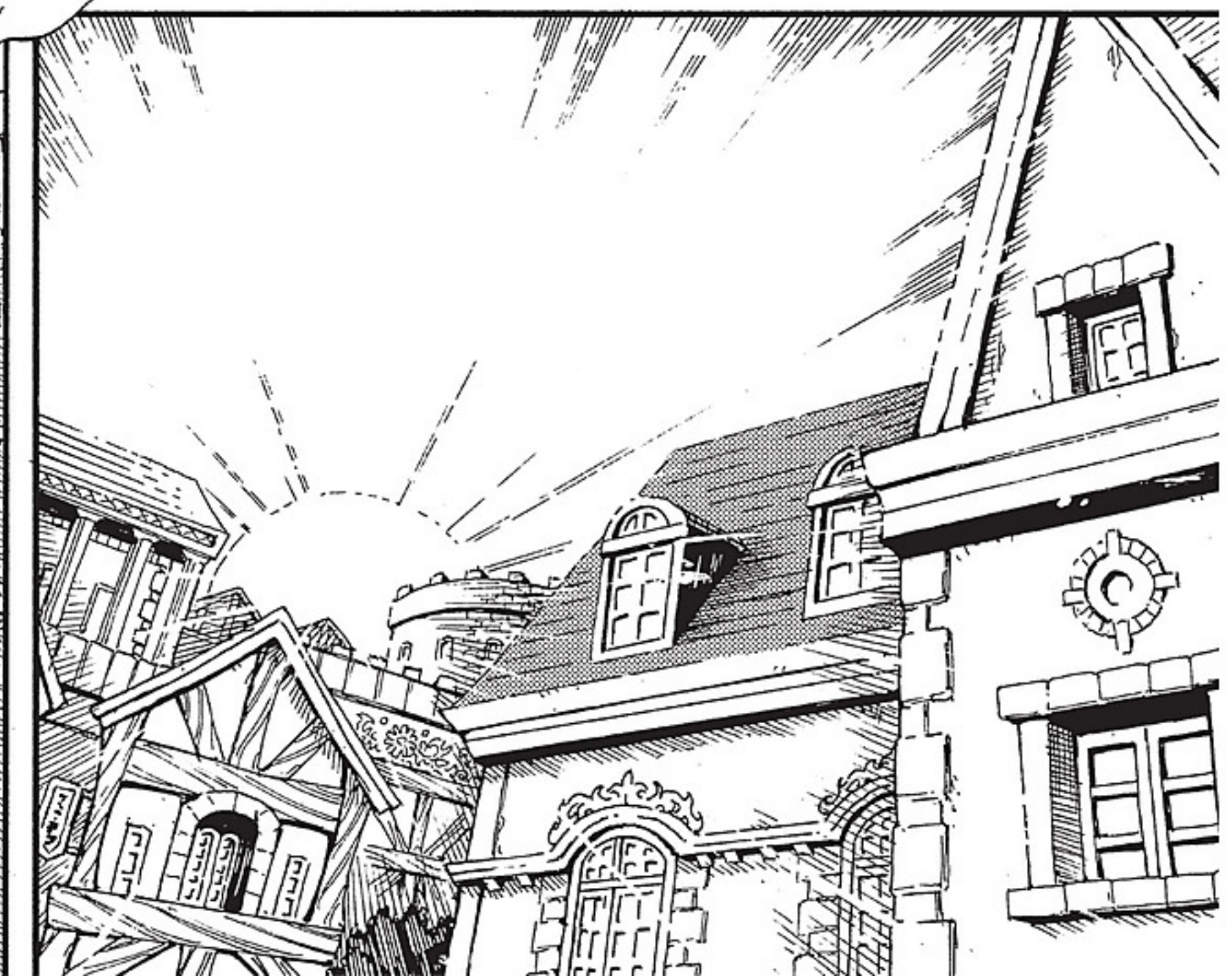
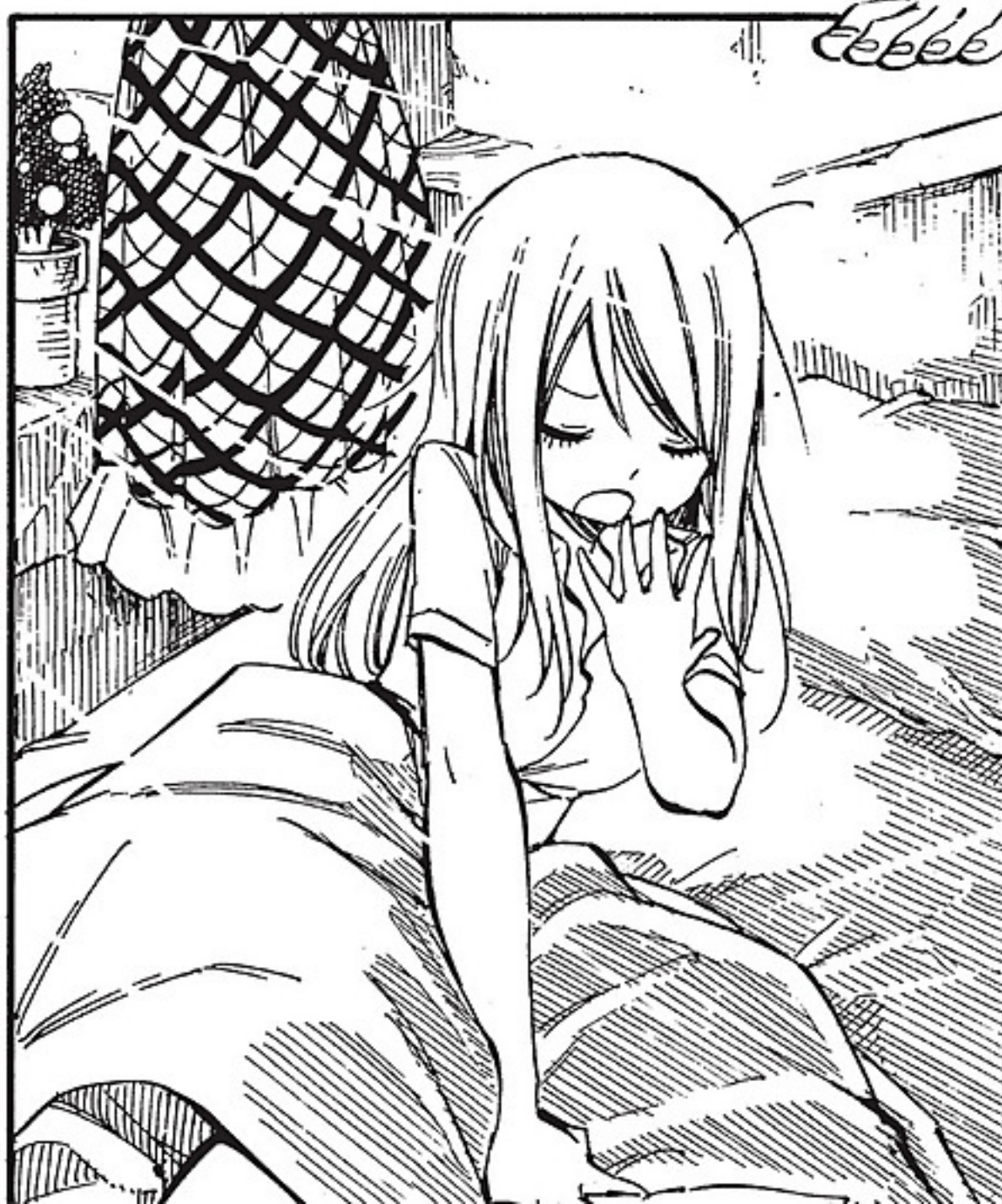
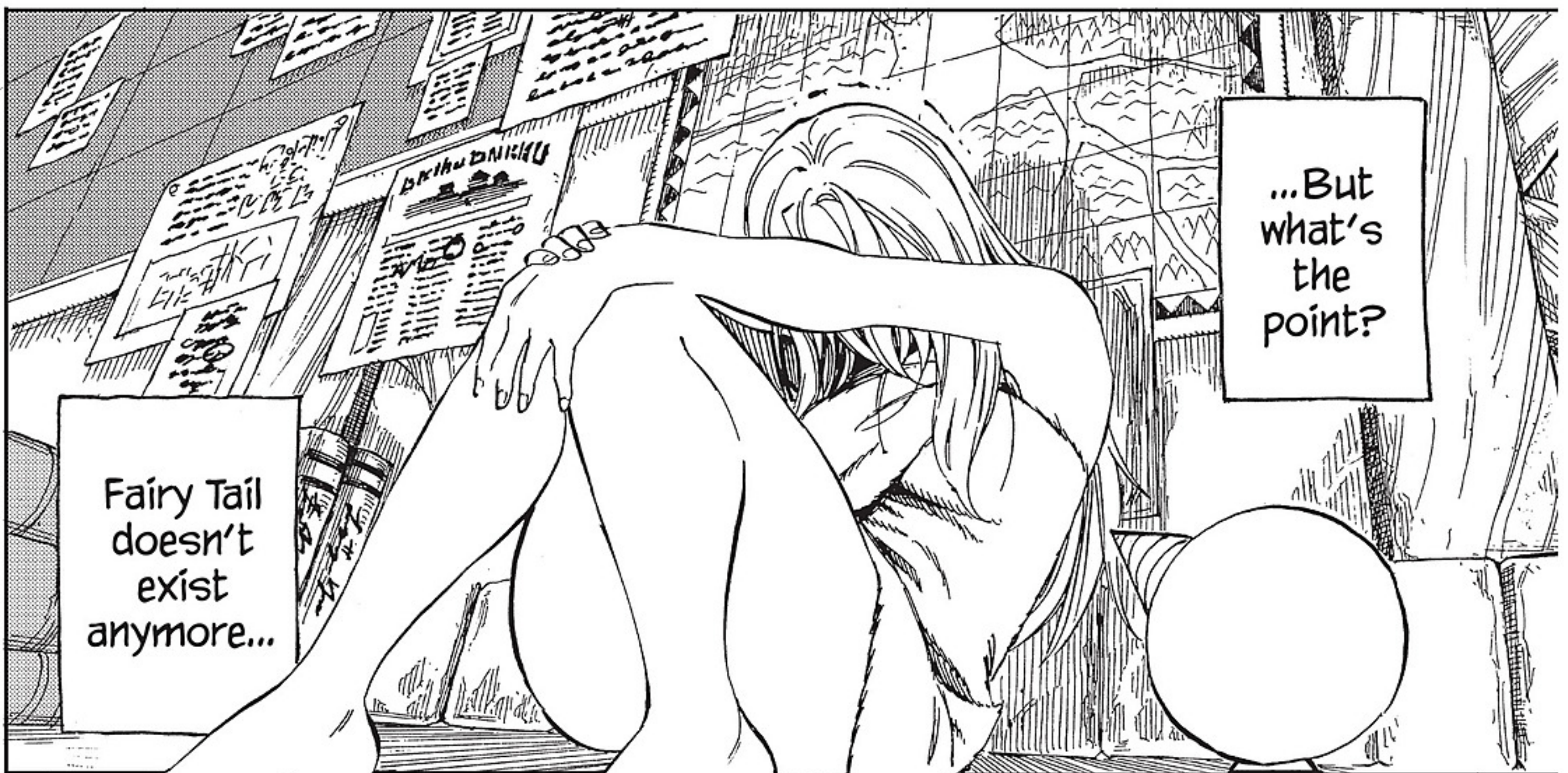
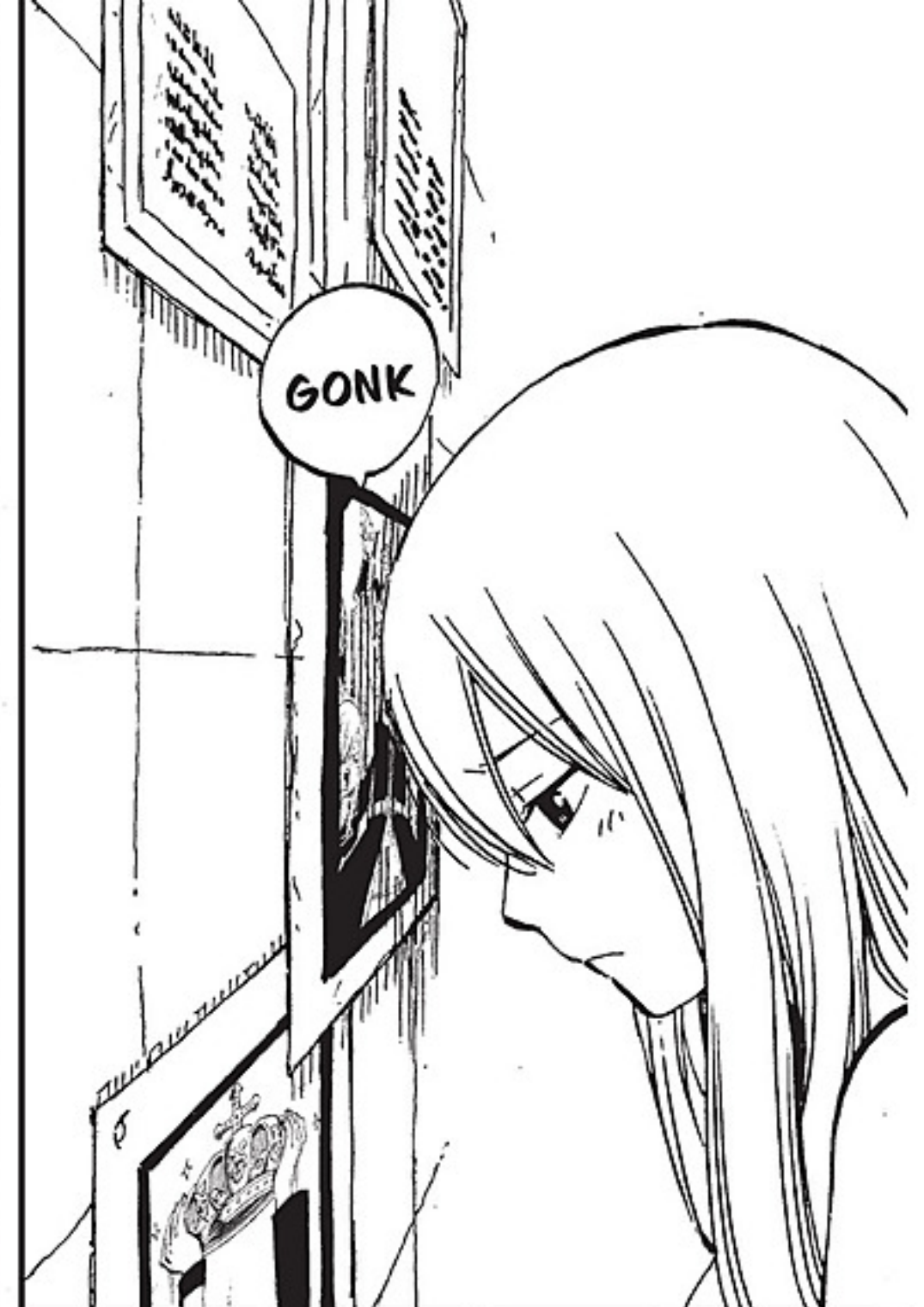
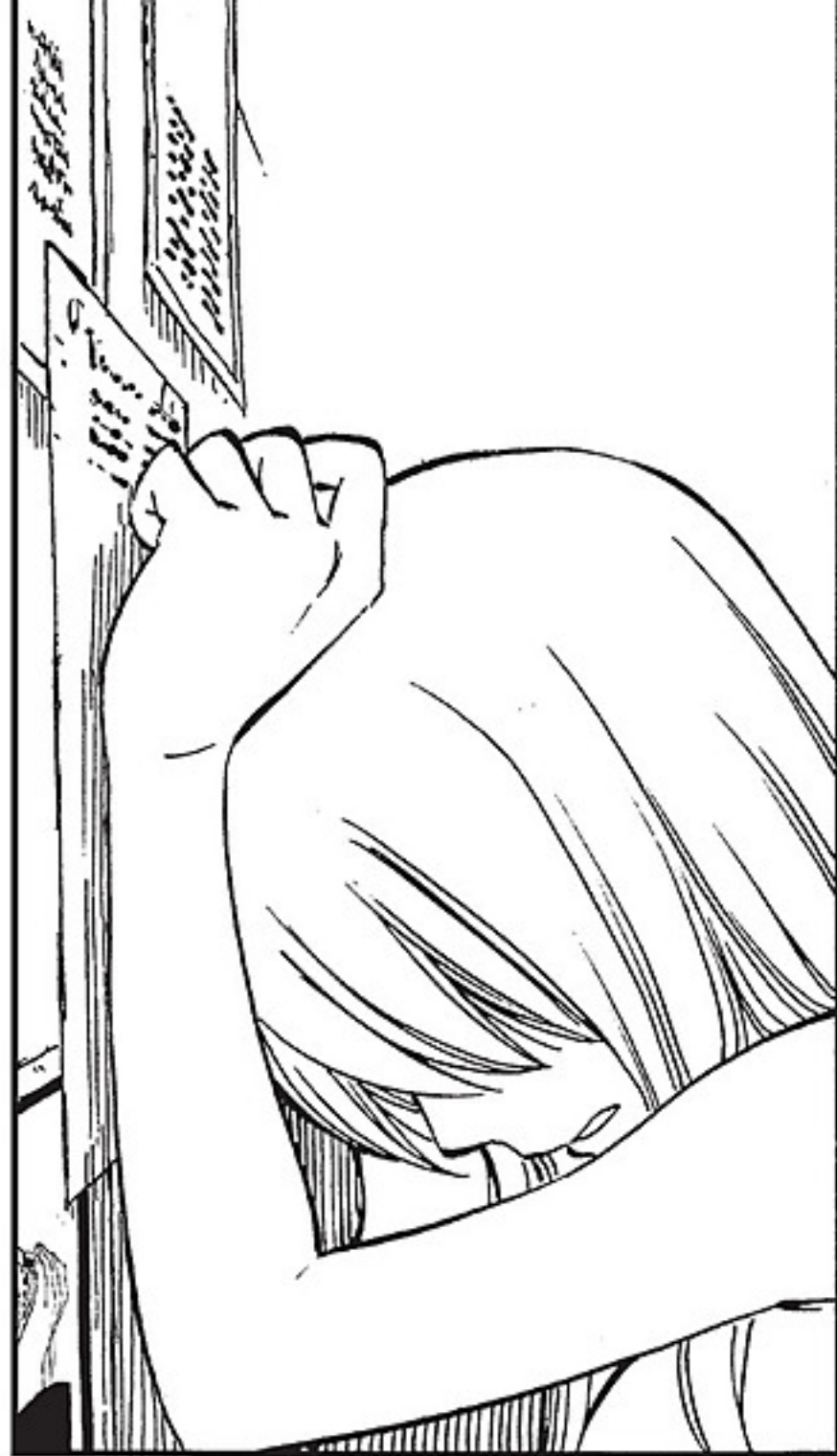


...living
their new
lives.

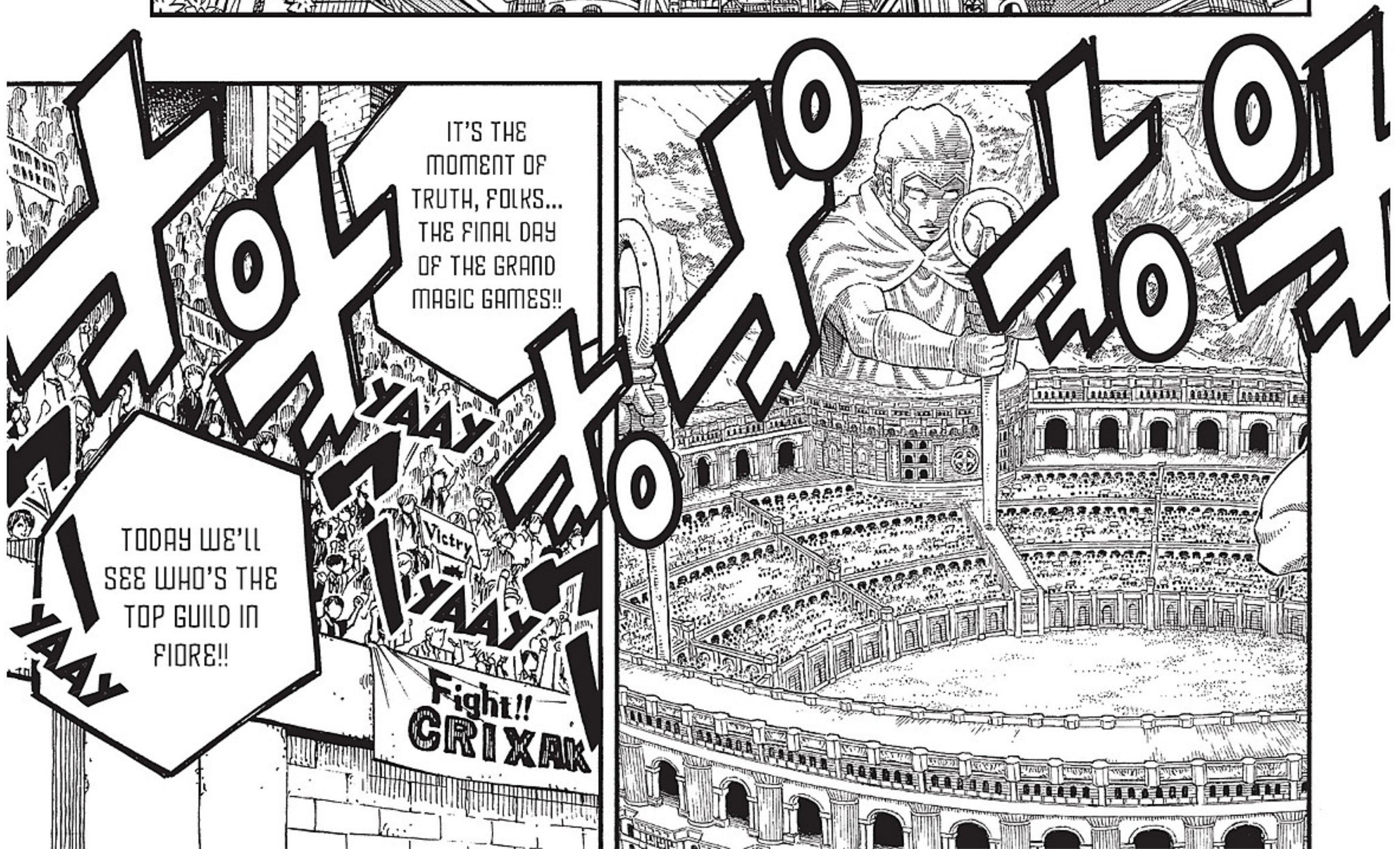
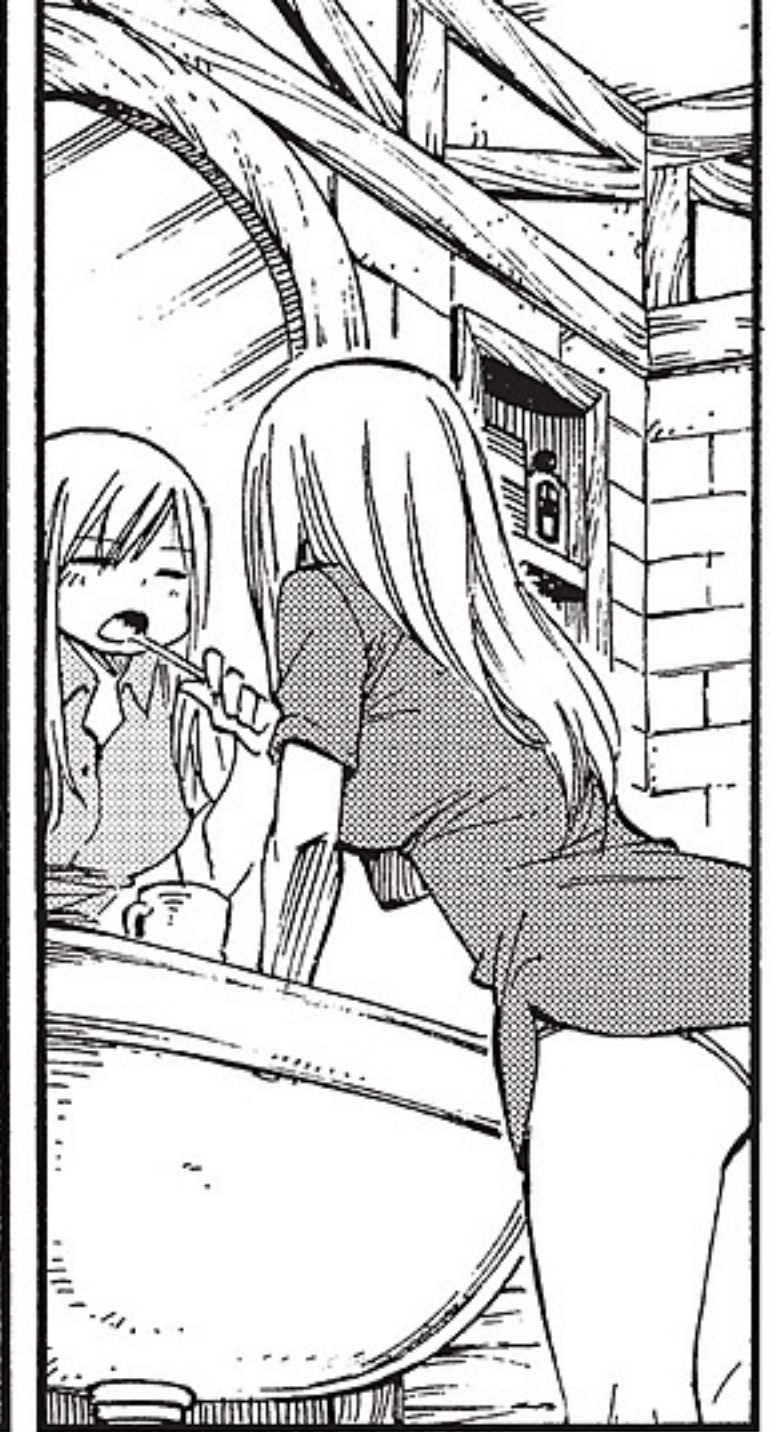
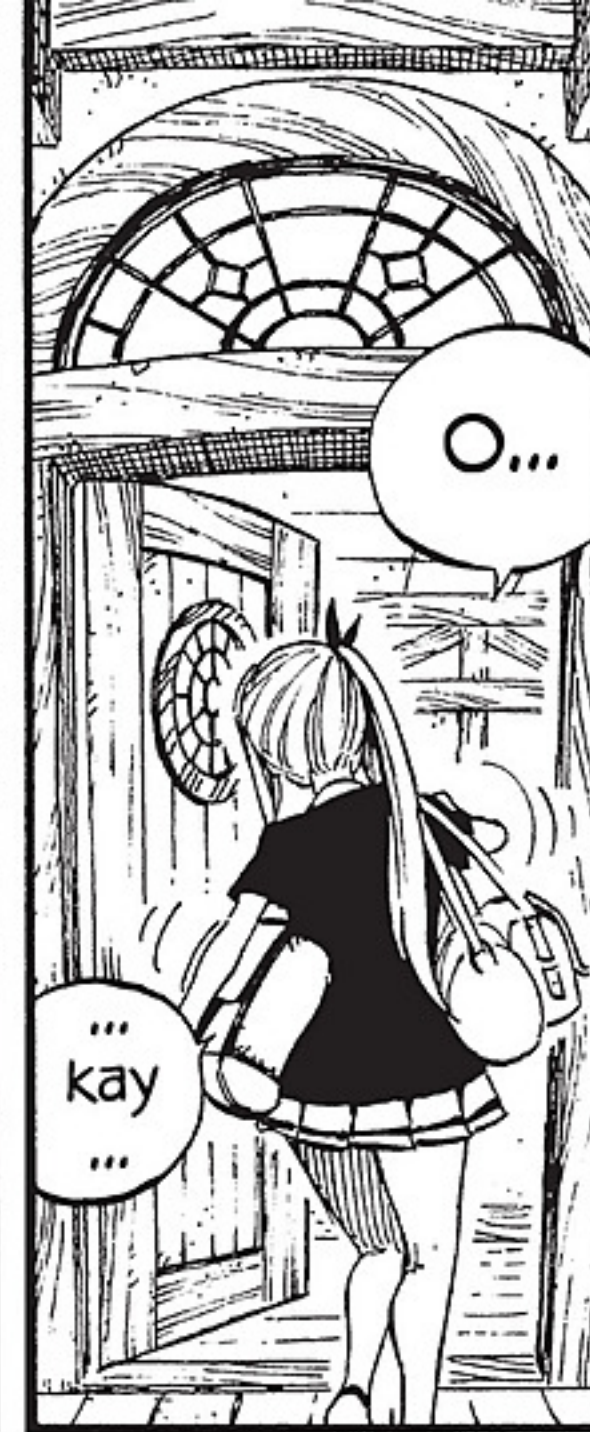


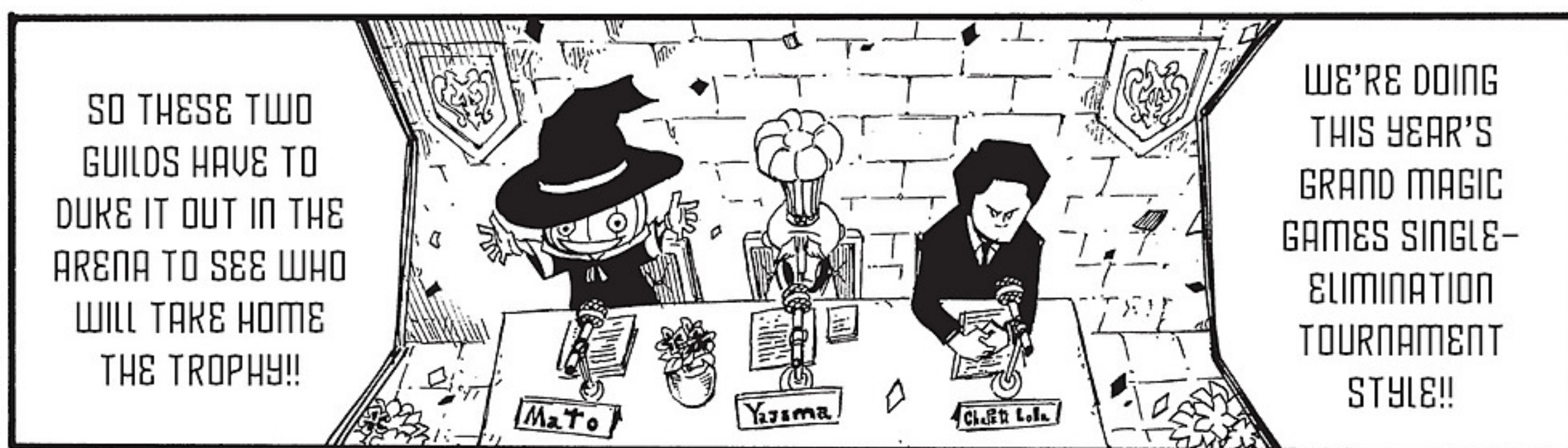


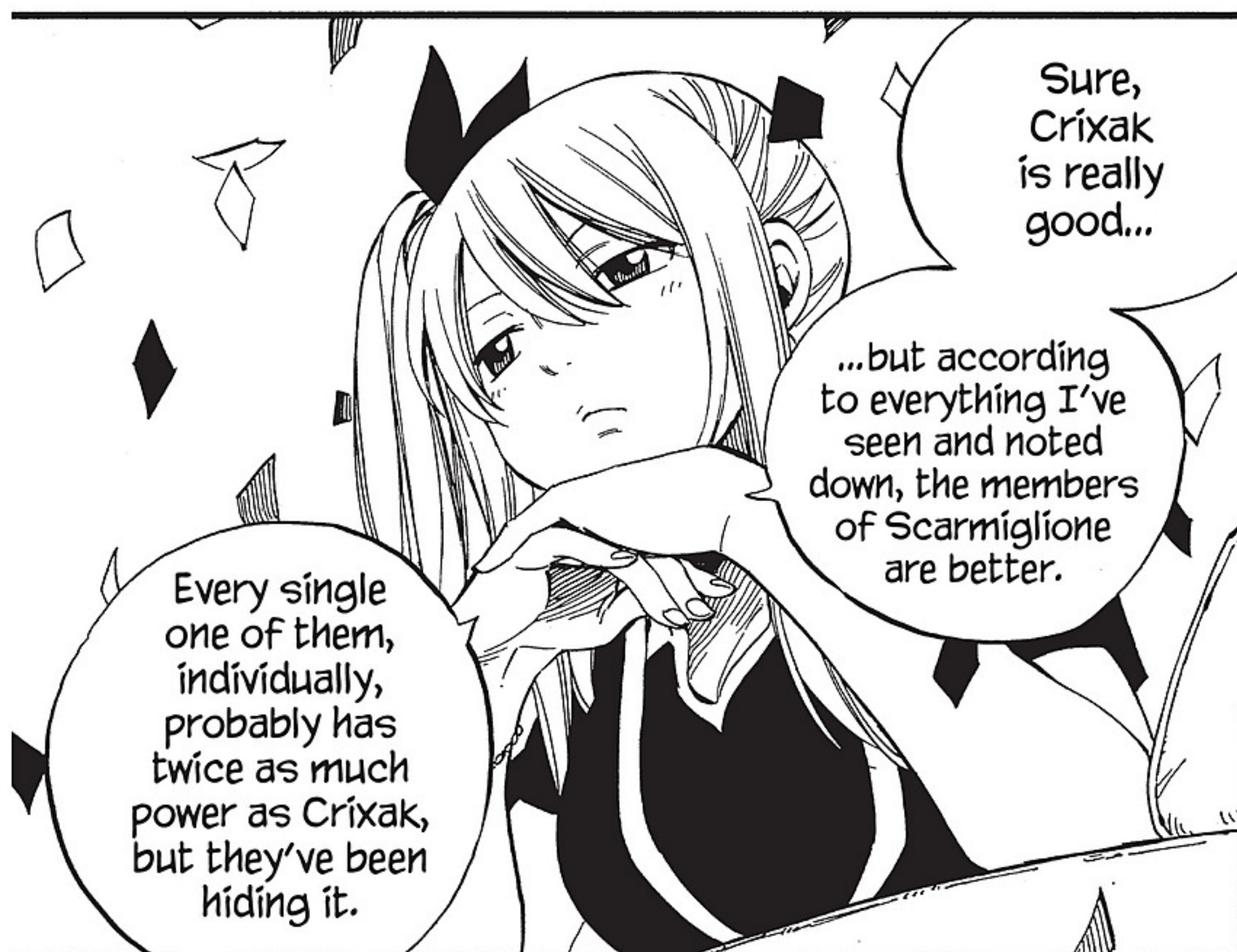
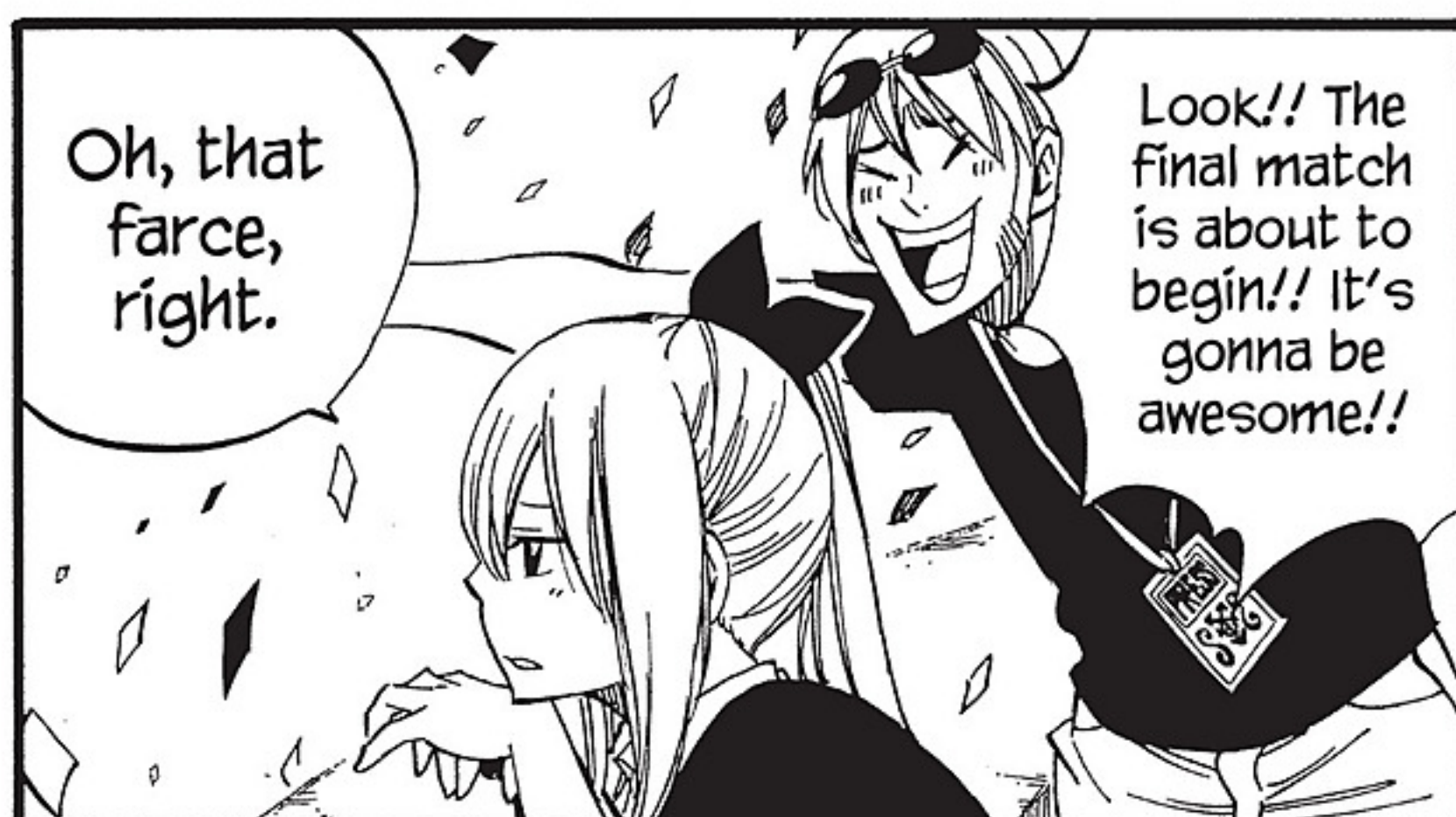


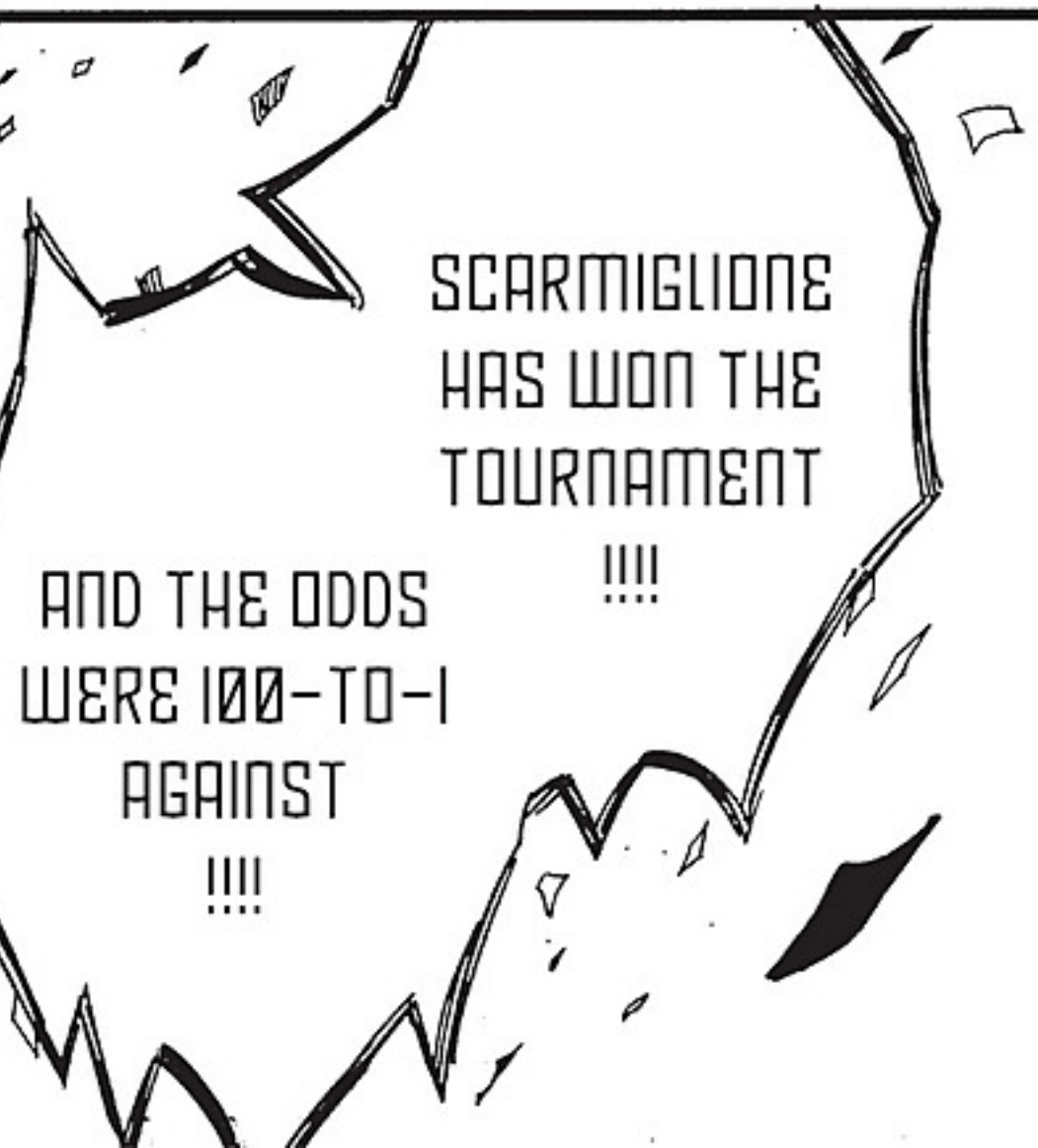
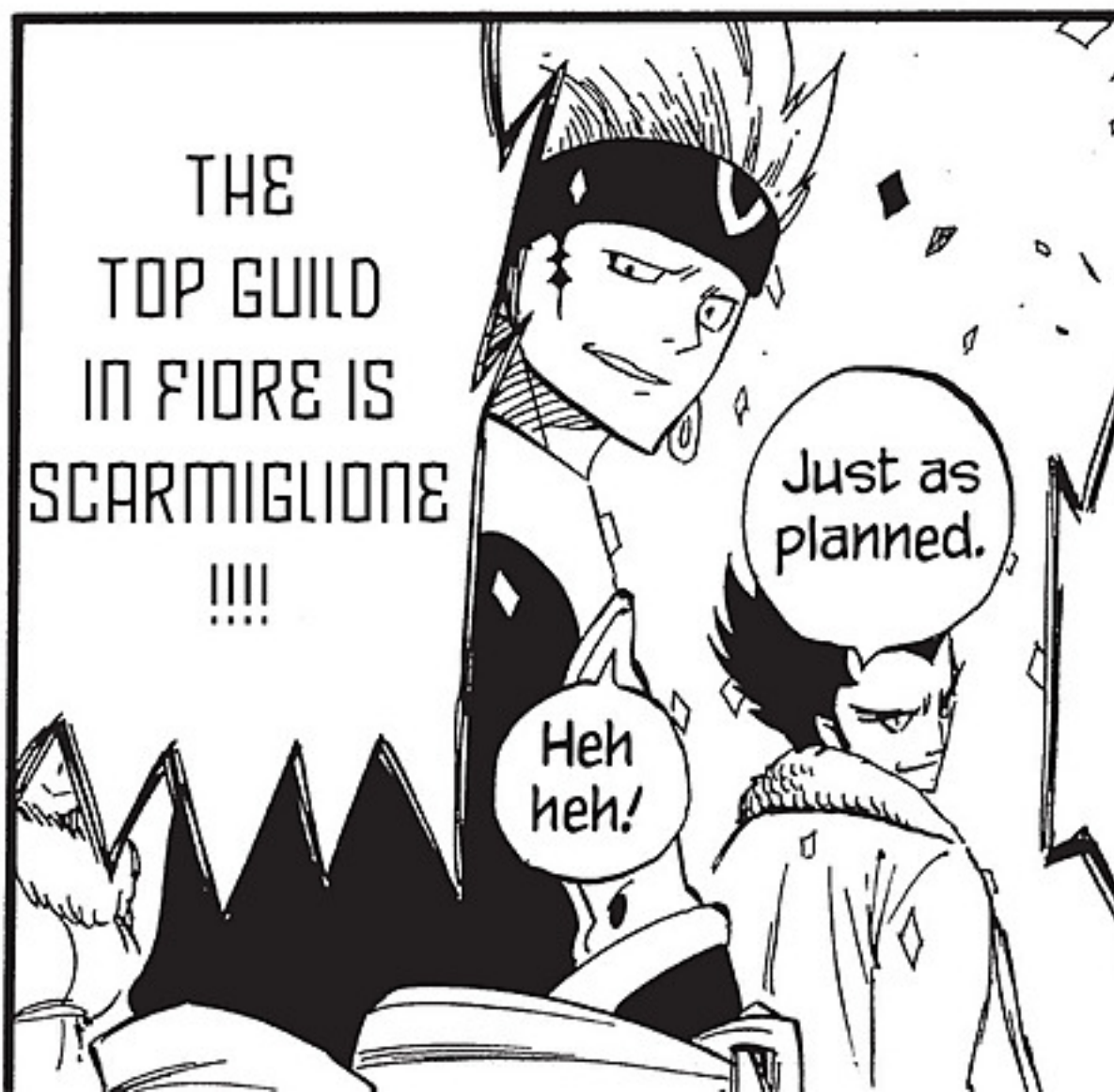
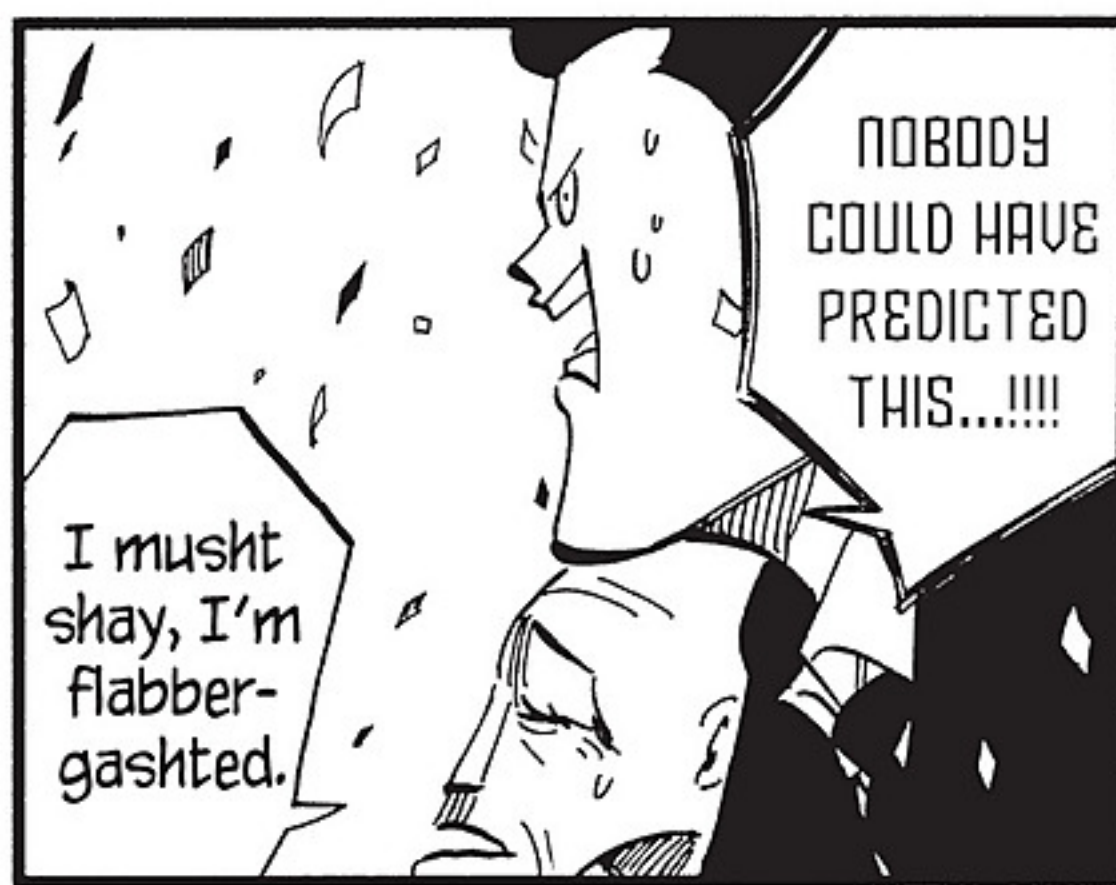


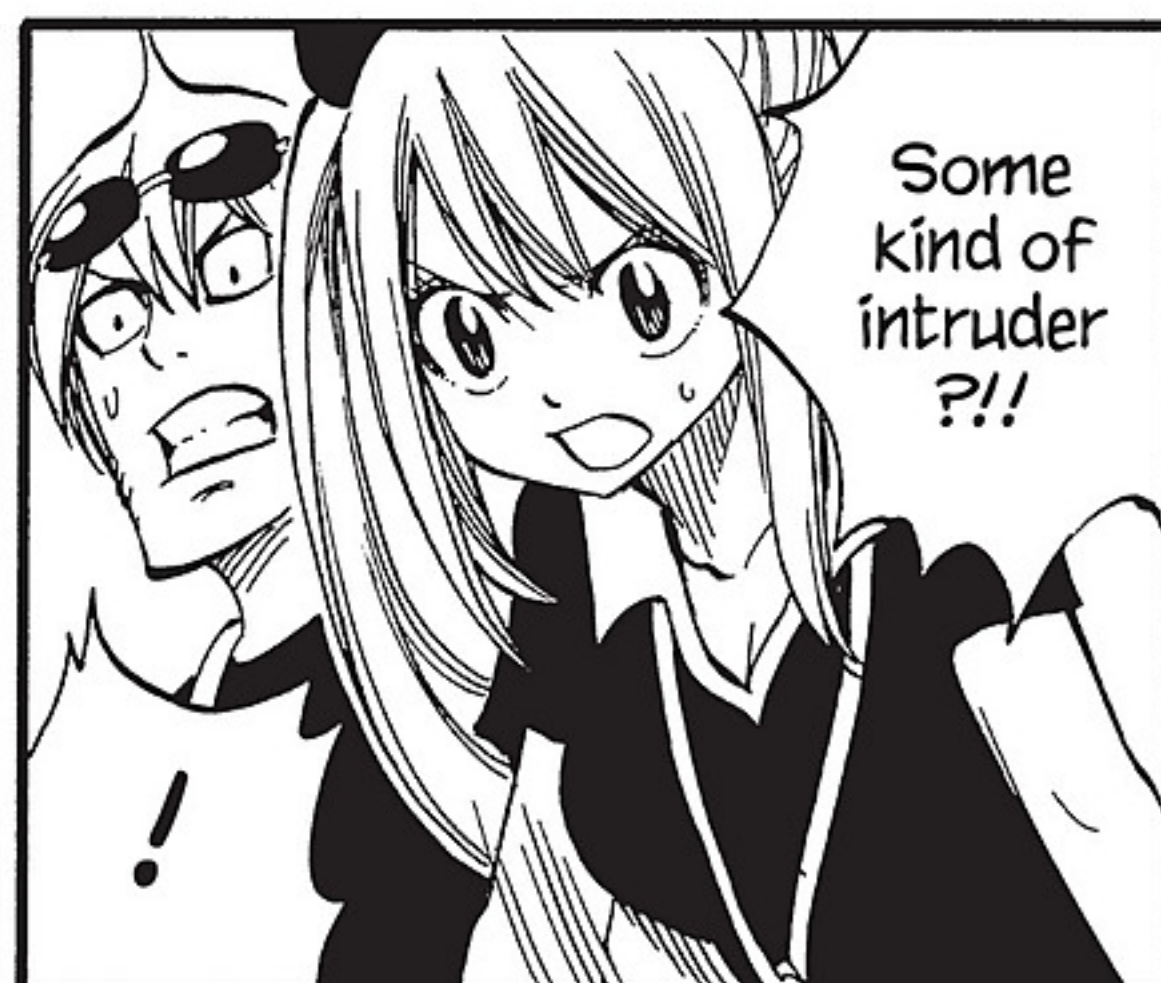


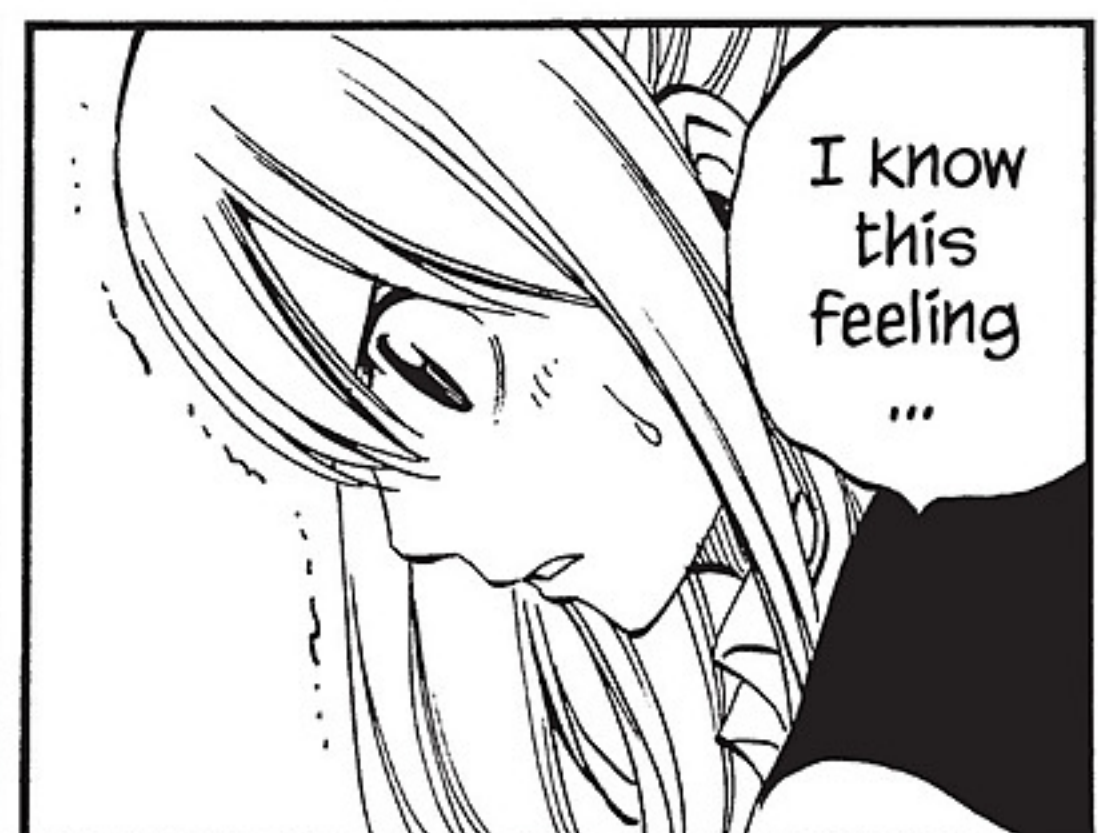
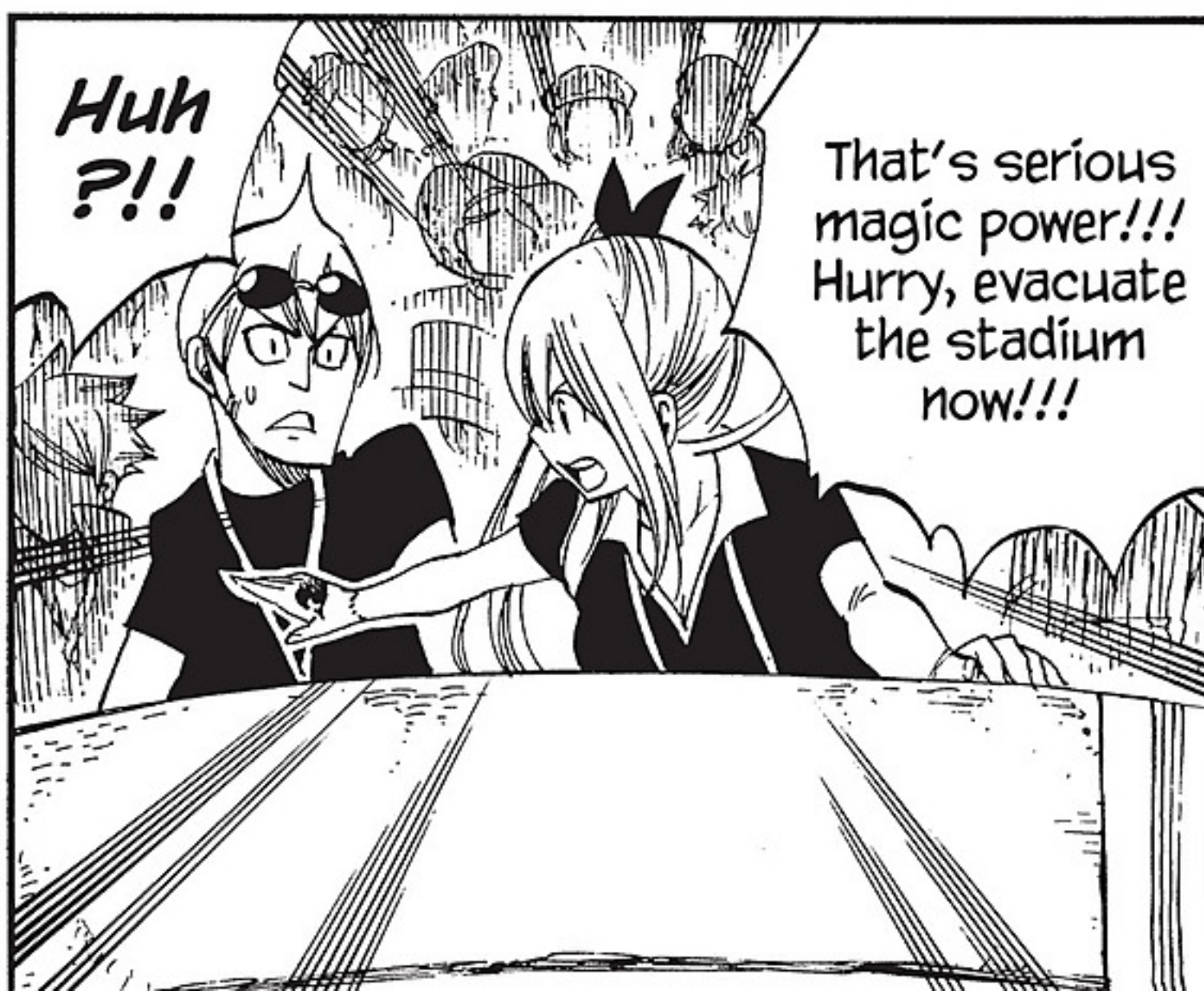
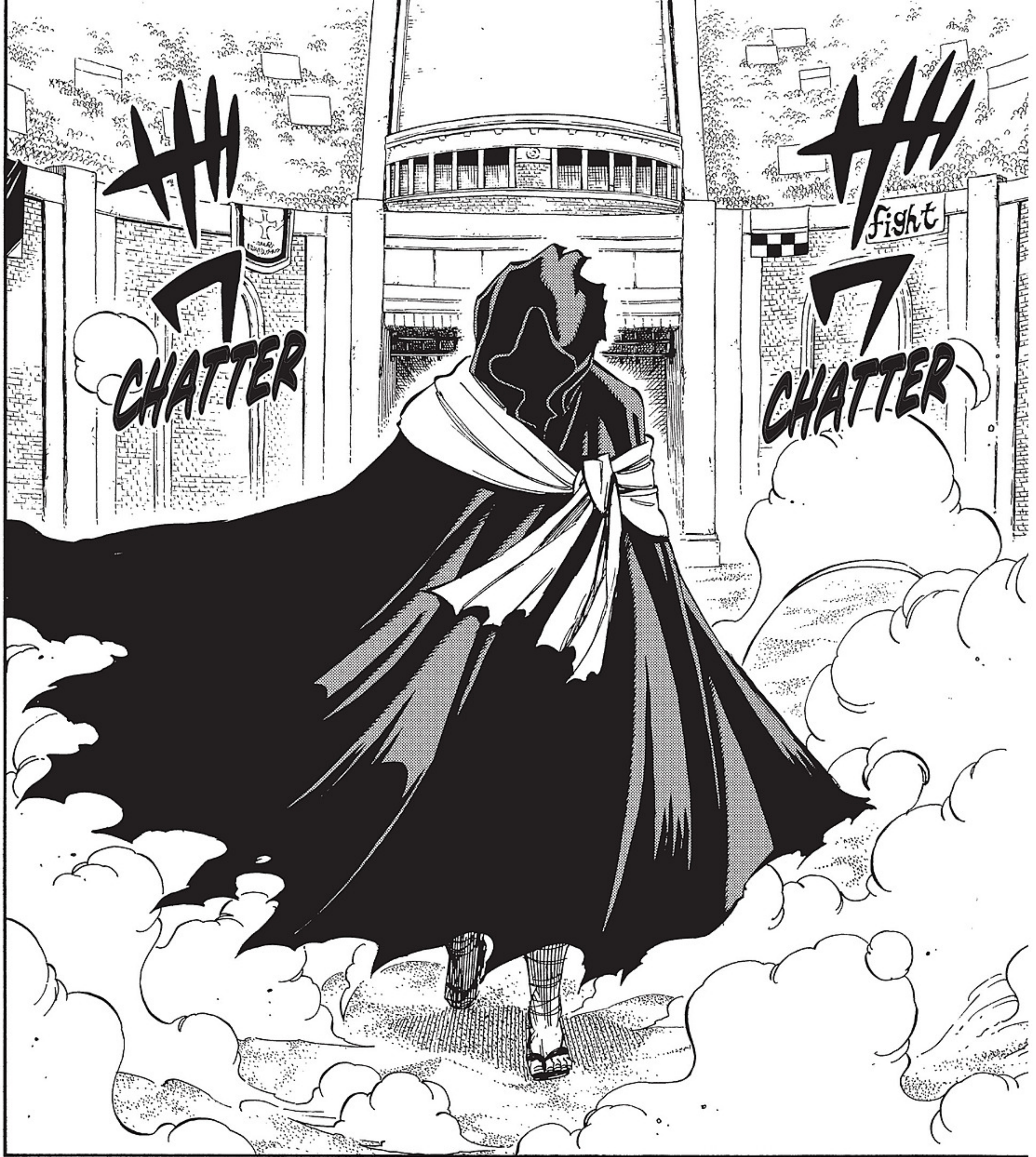
















I'm the challenger !!!

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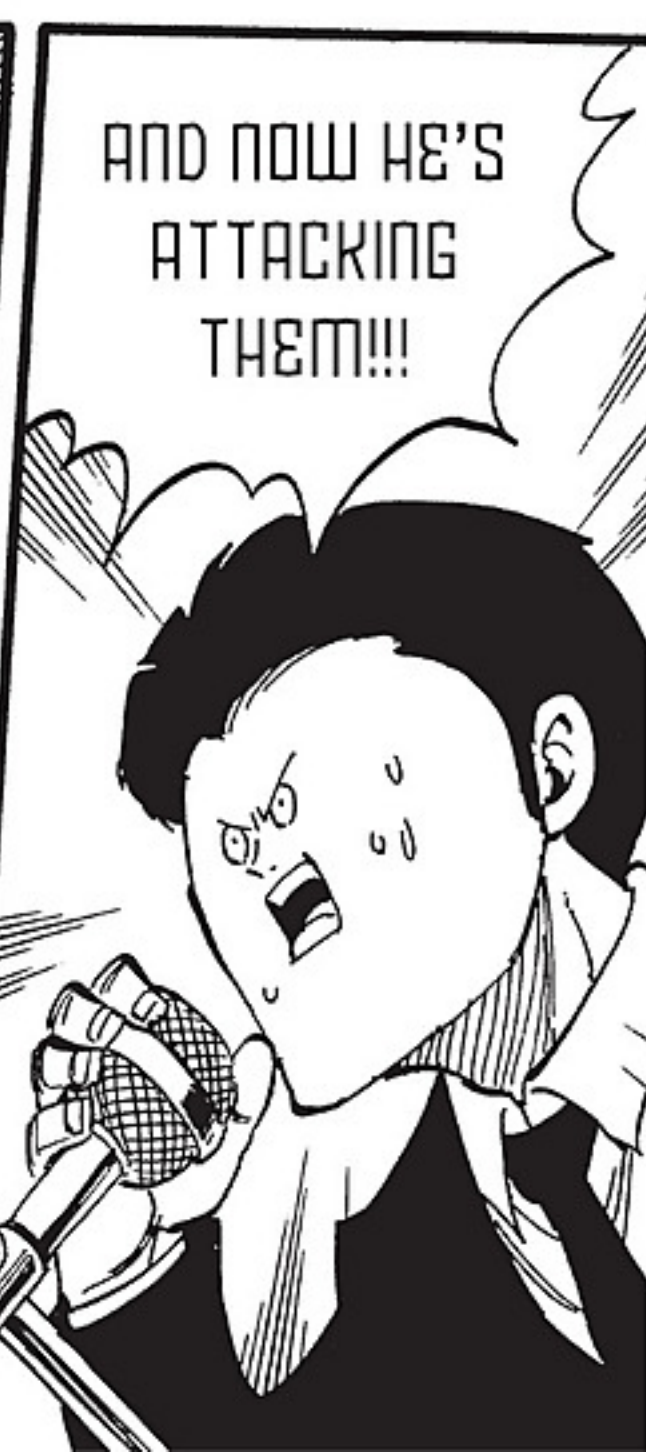
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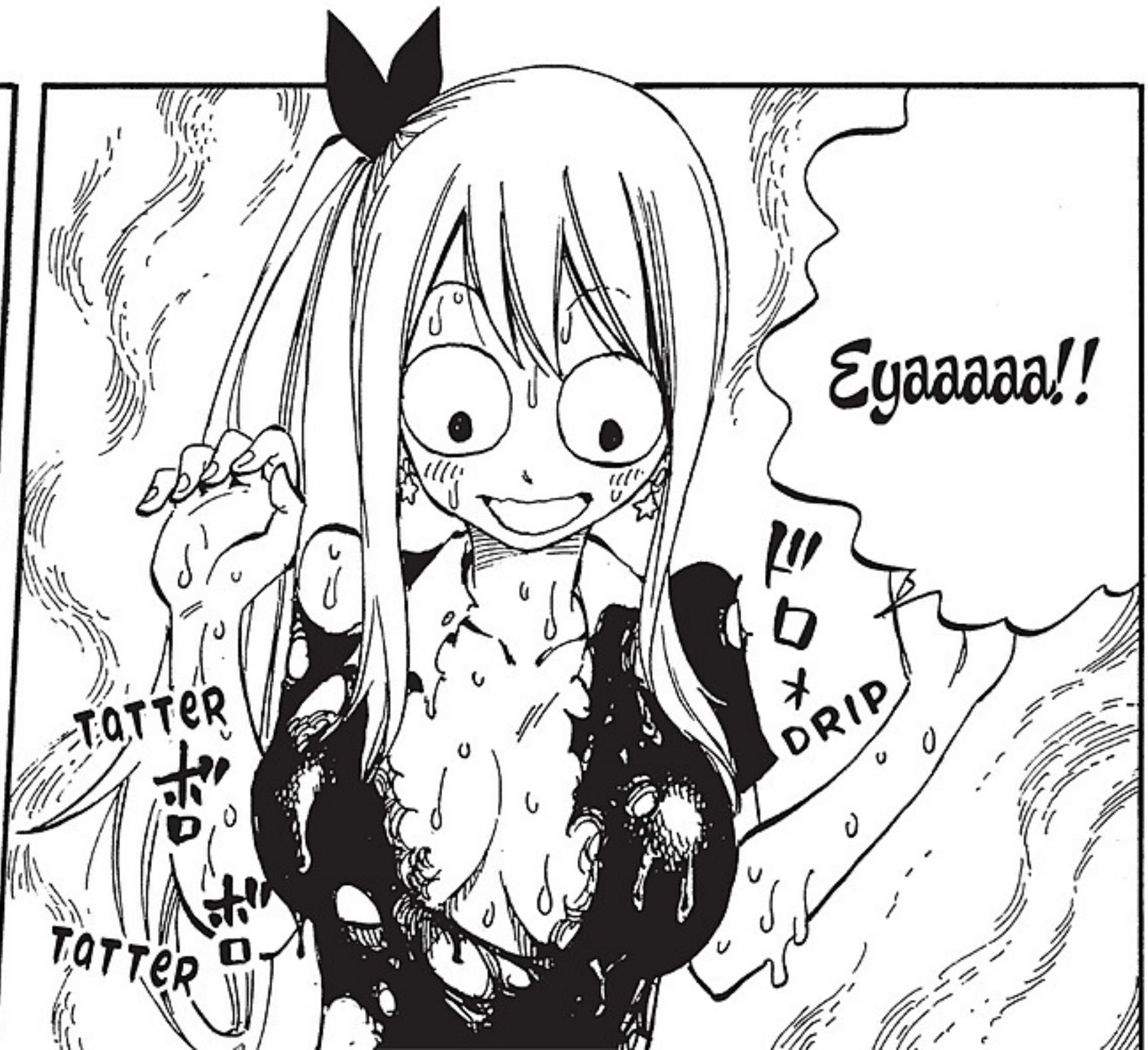
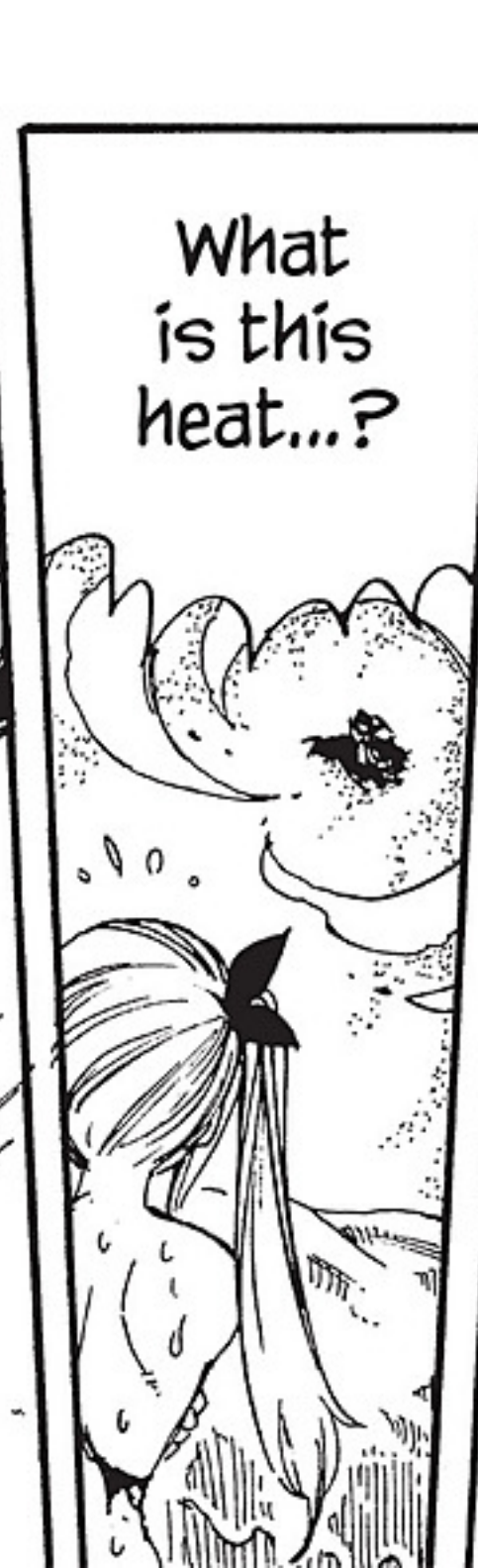
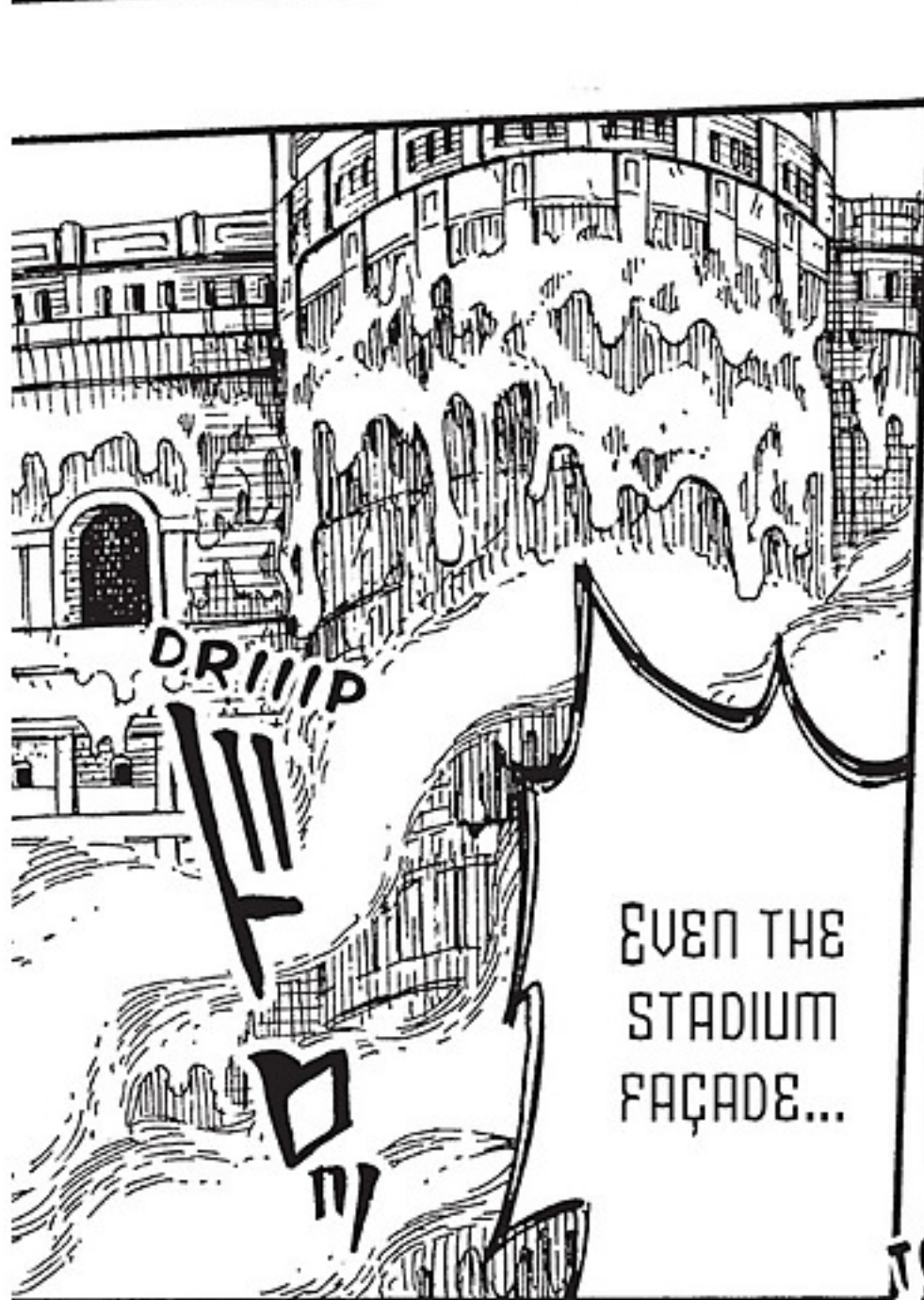
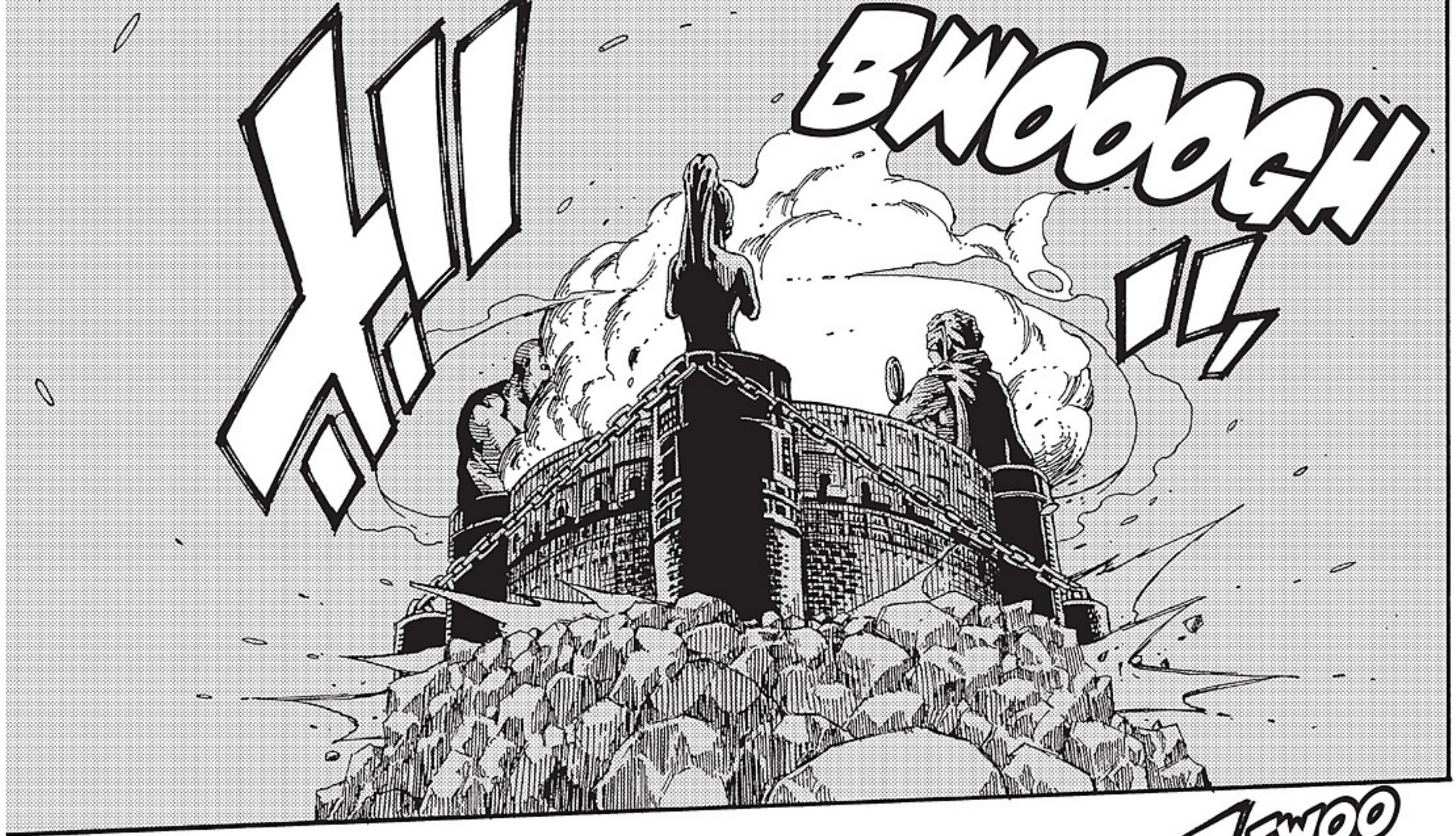
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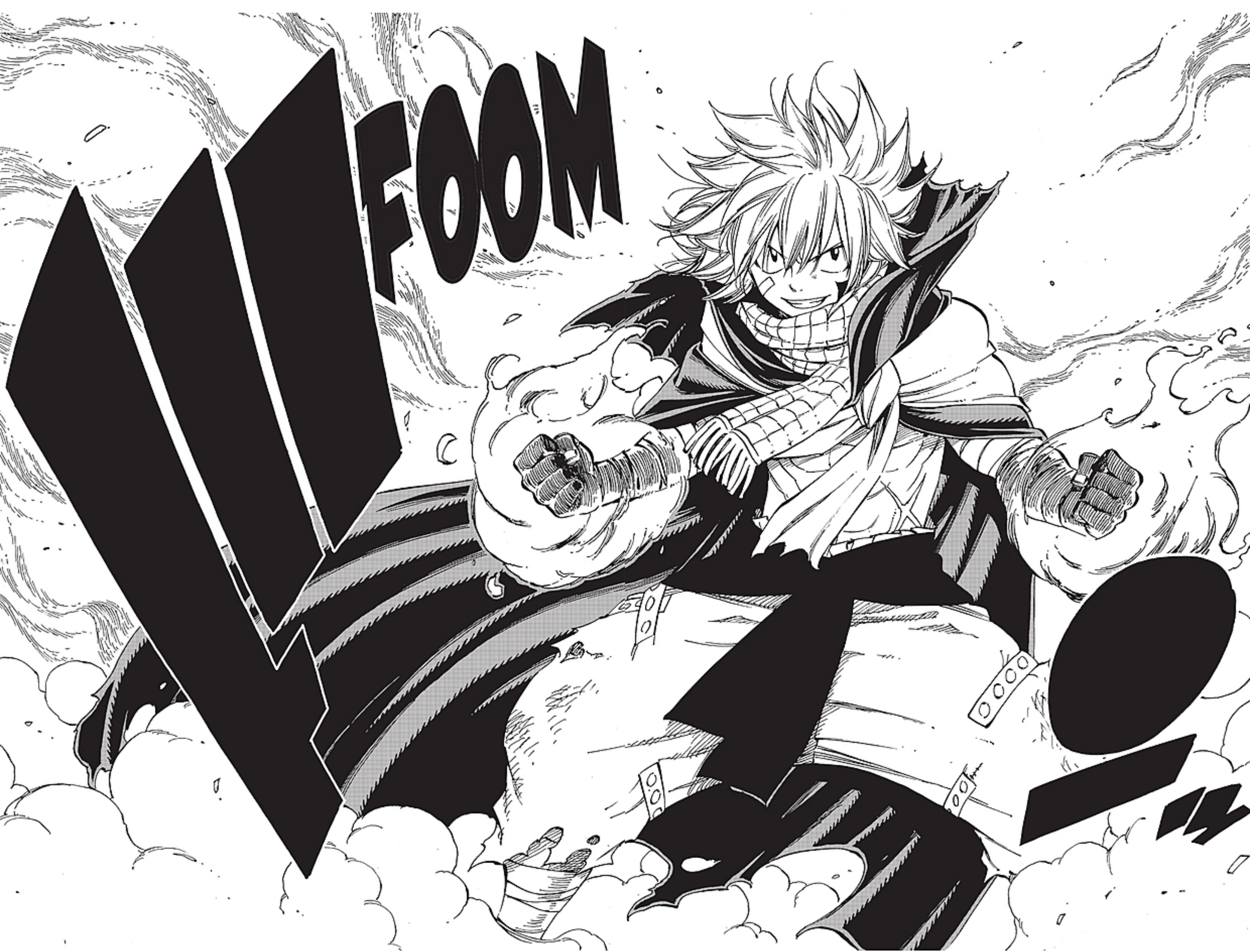


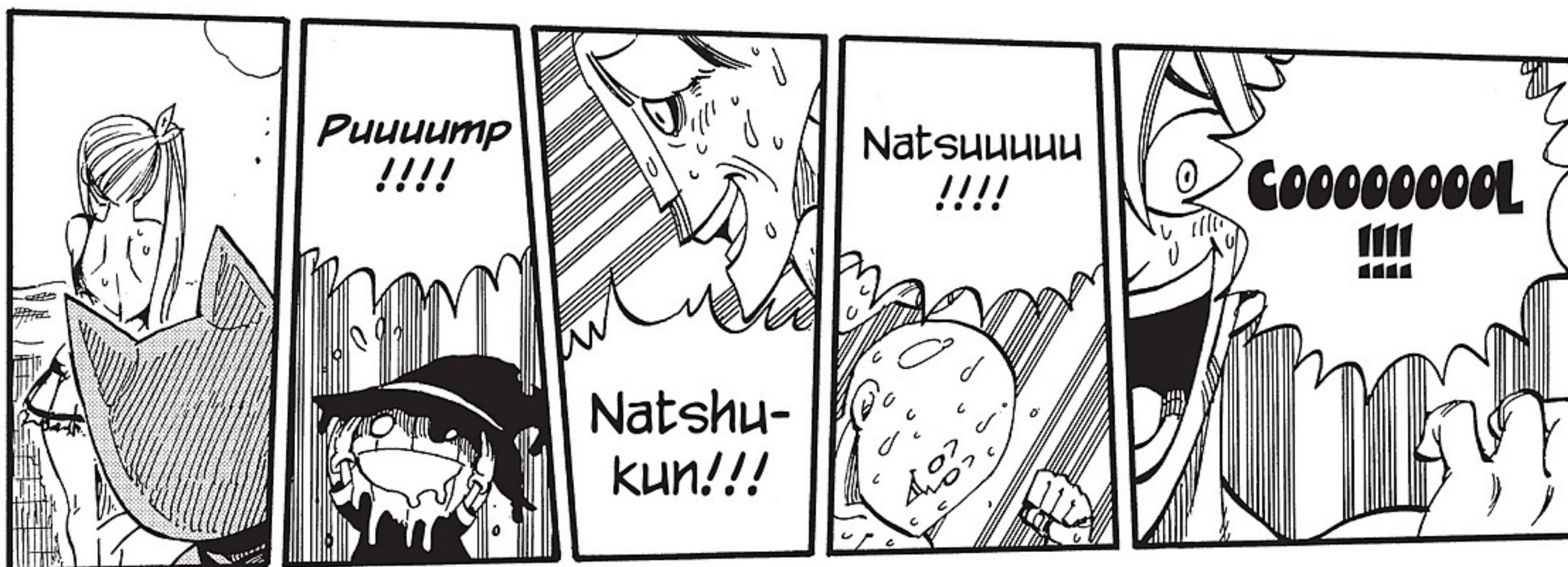
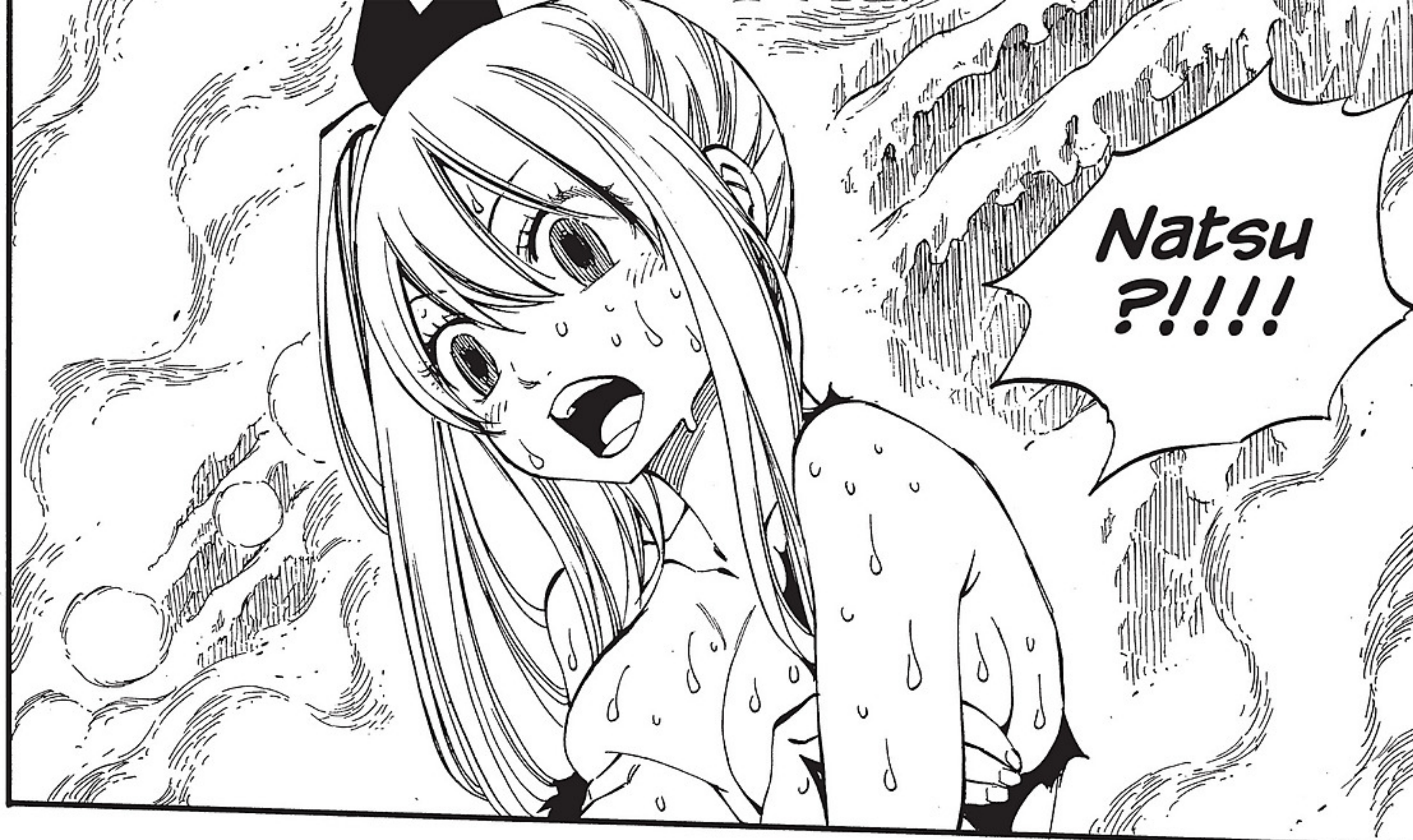
We have to round up any wizards who can fight!!

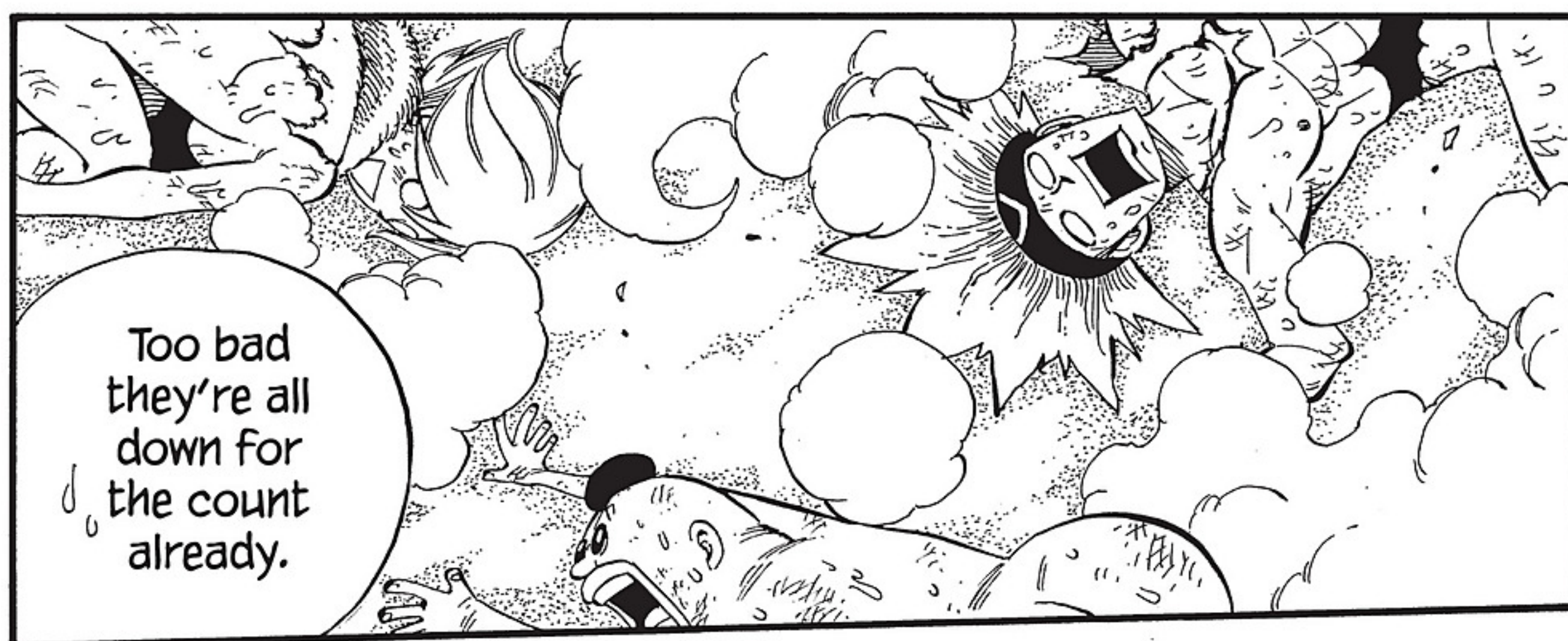


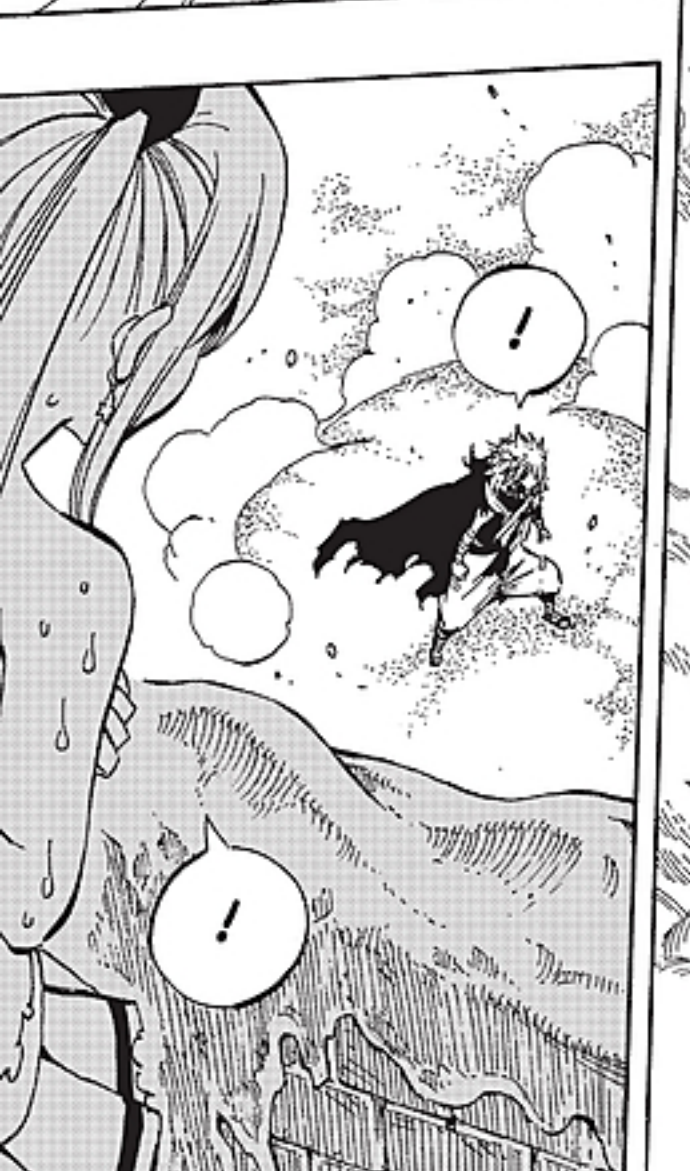
AND NOW HE'S ATTACKING THEM!!!

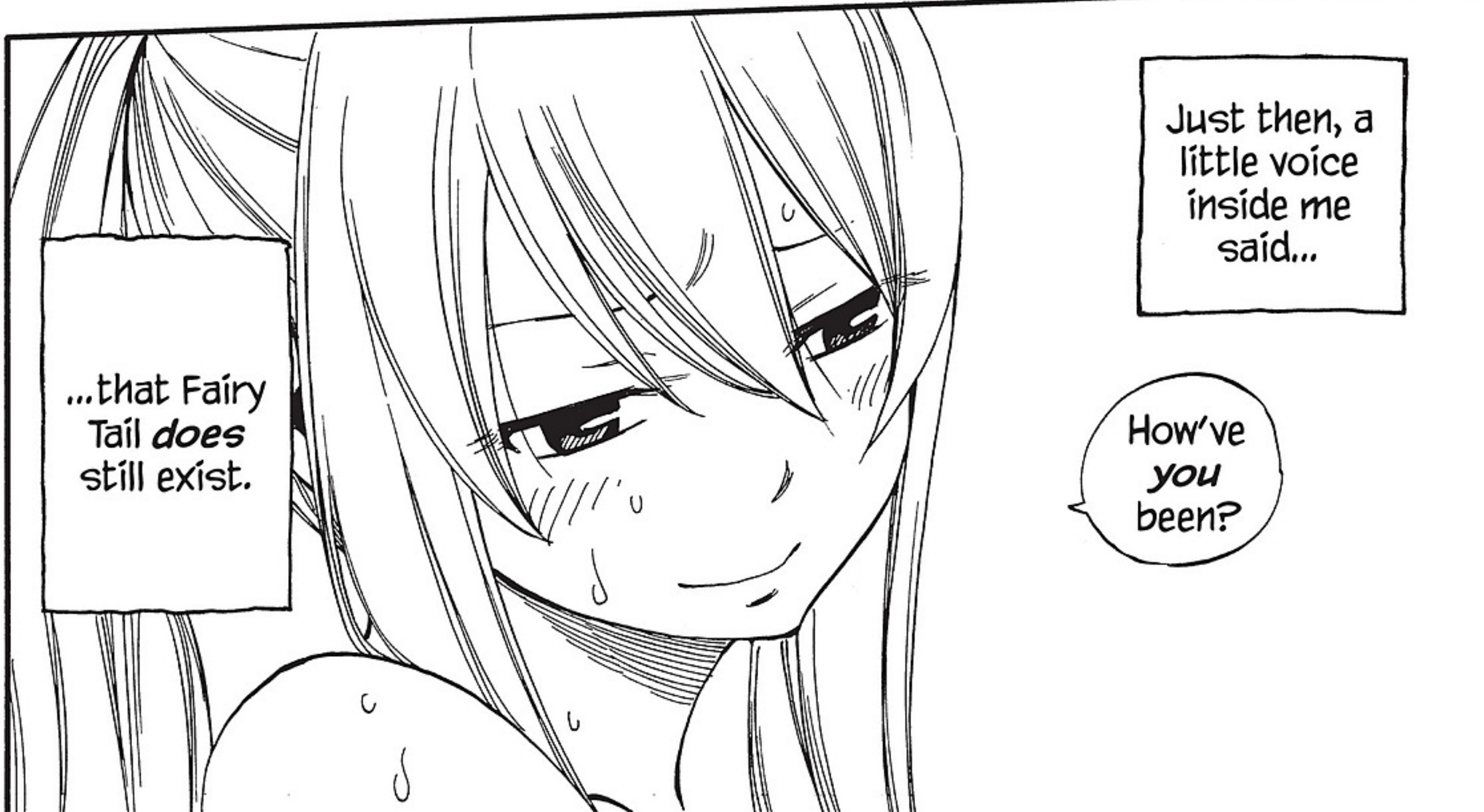
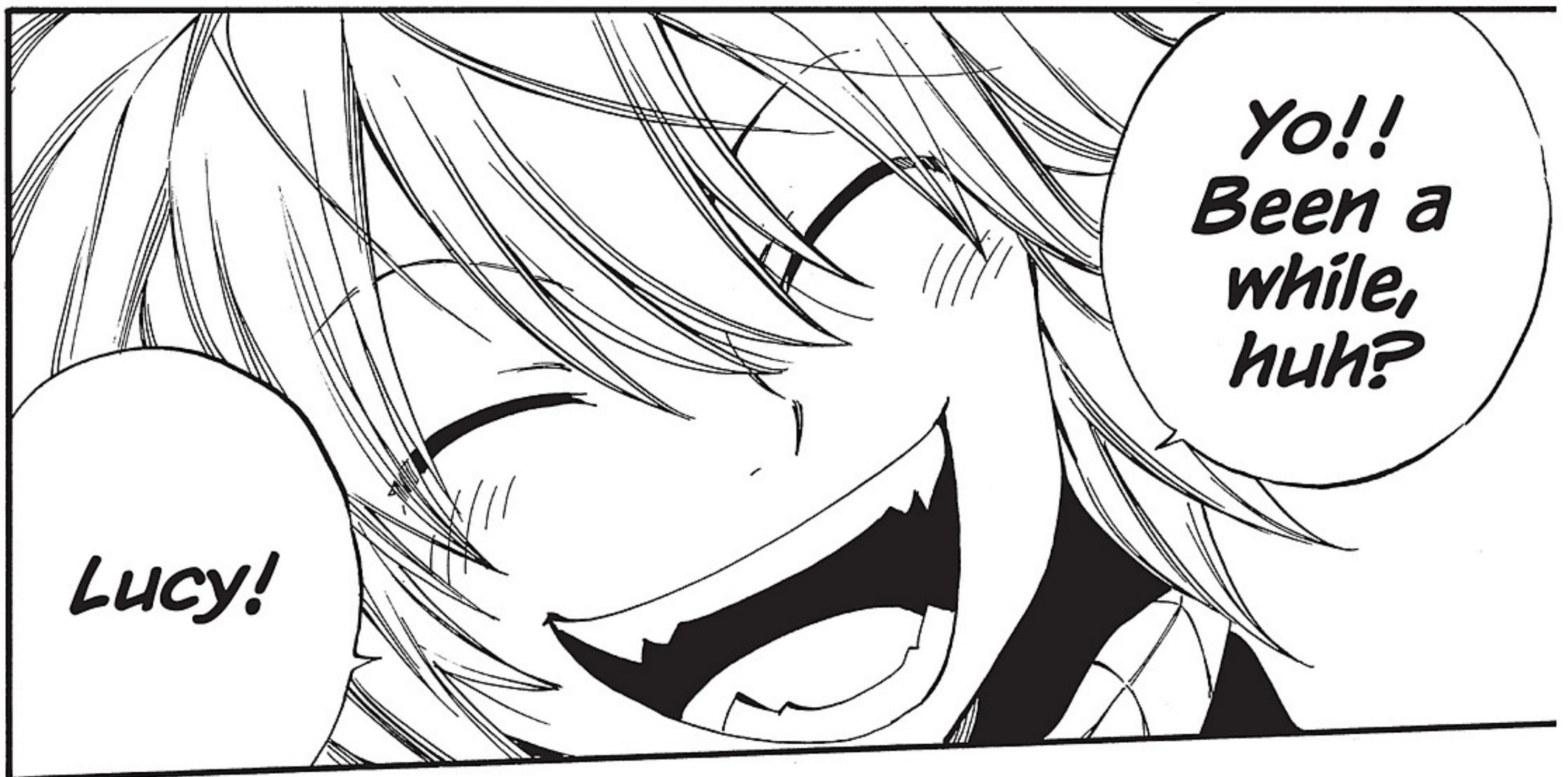
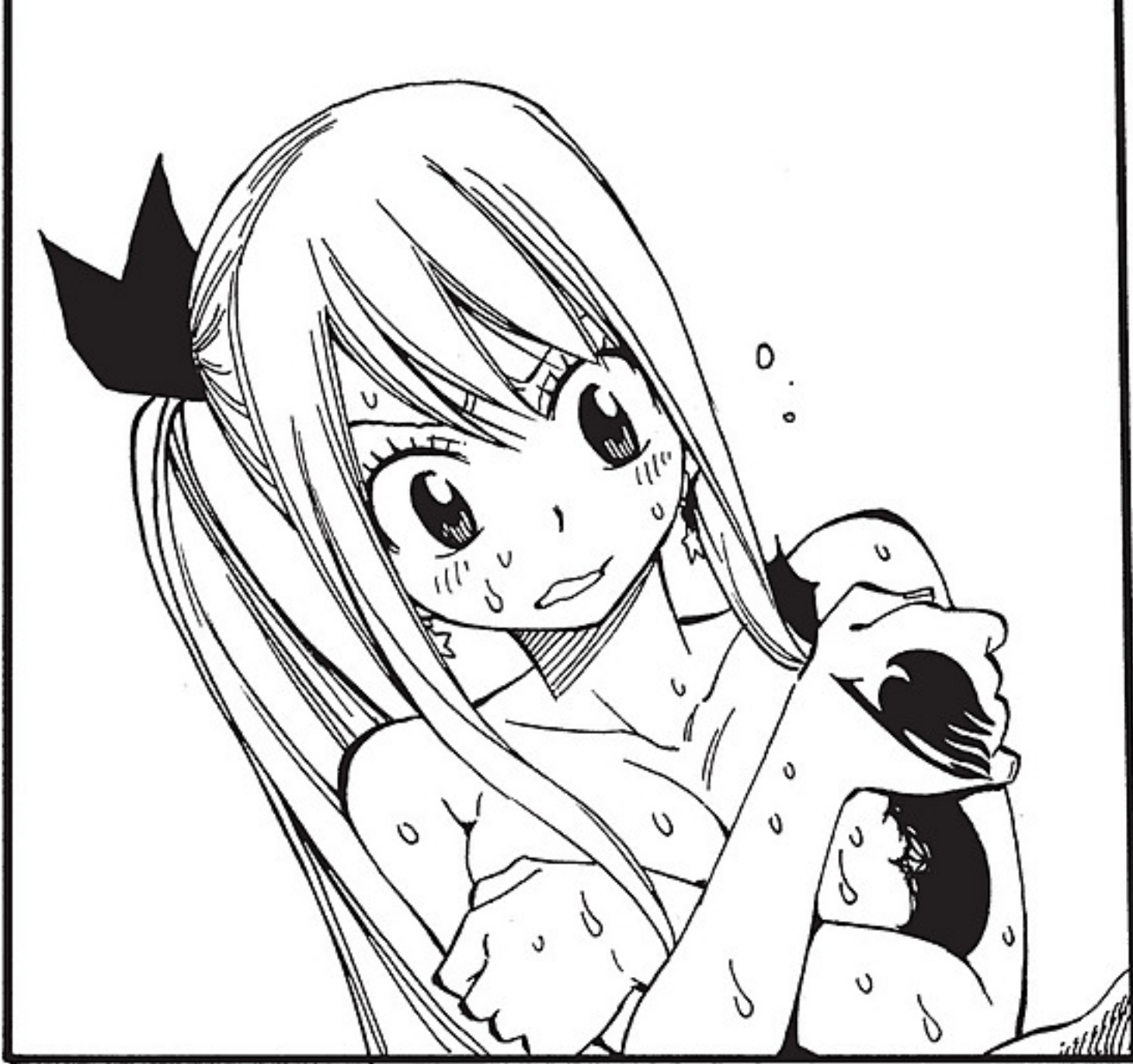






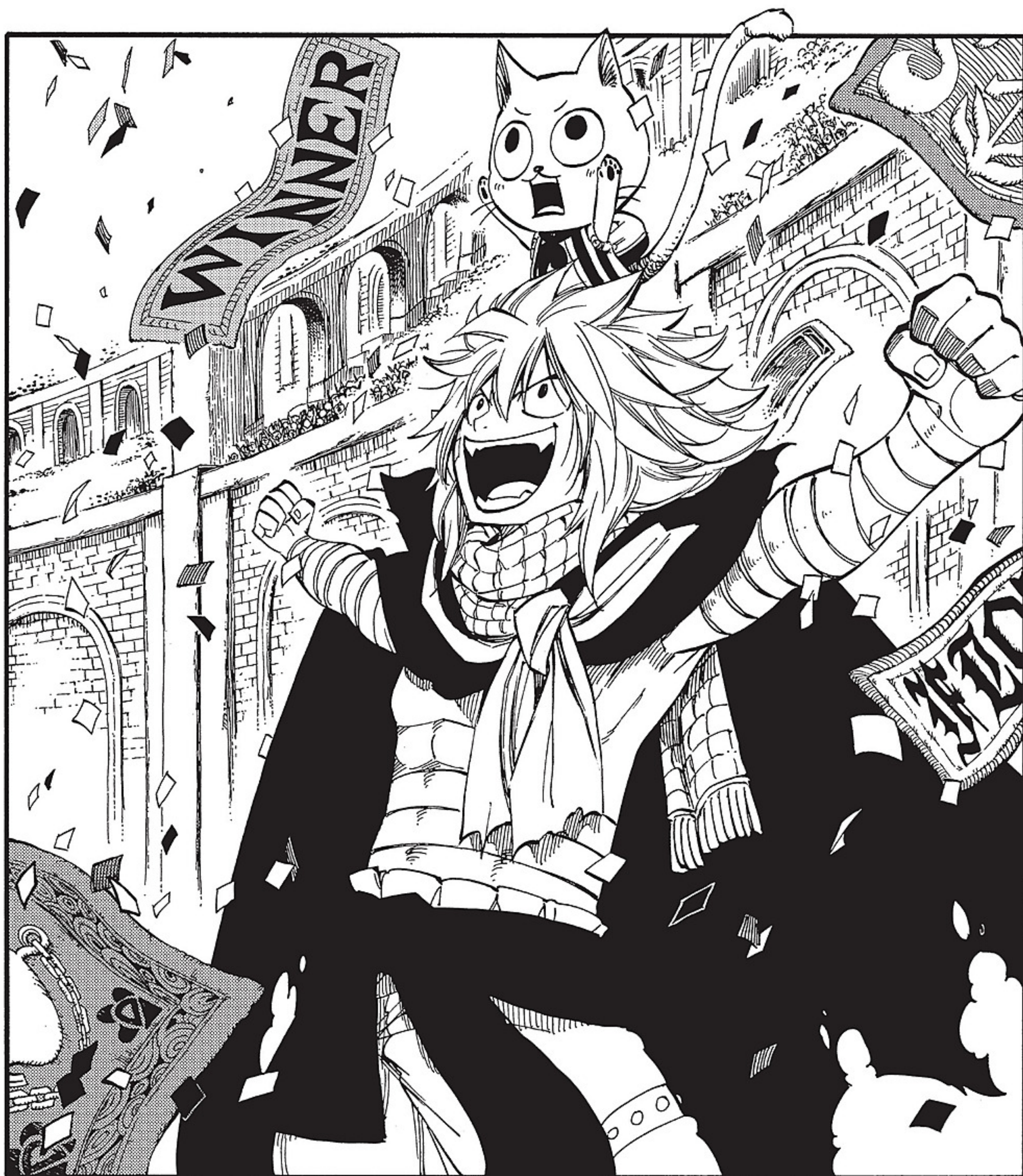






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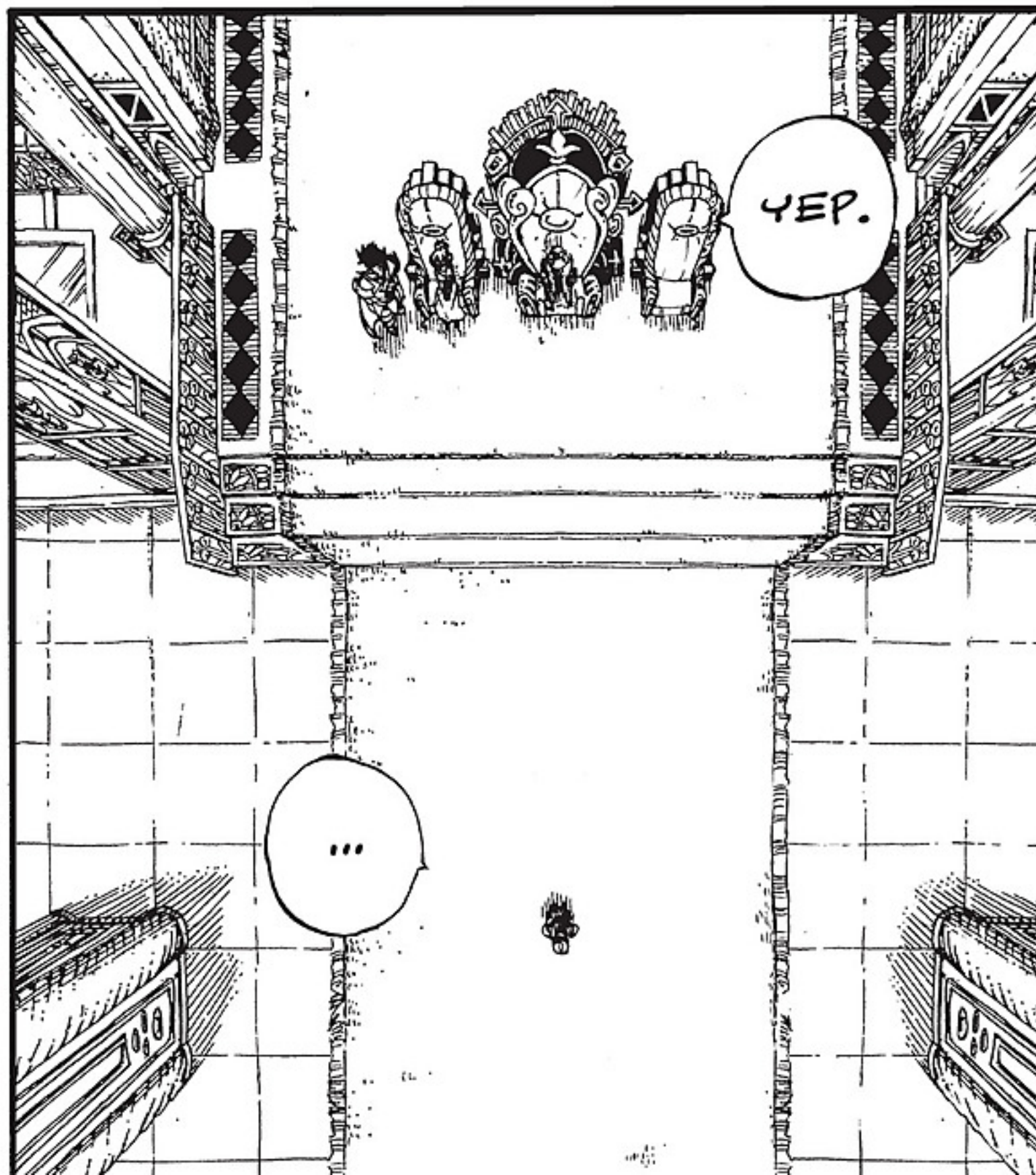
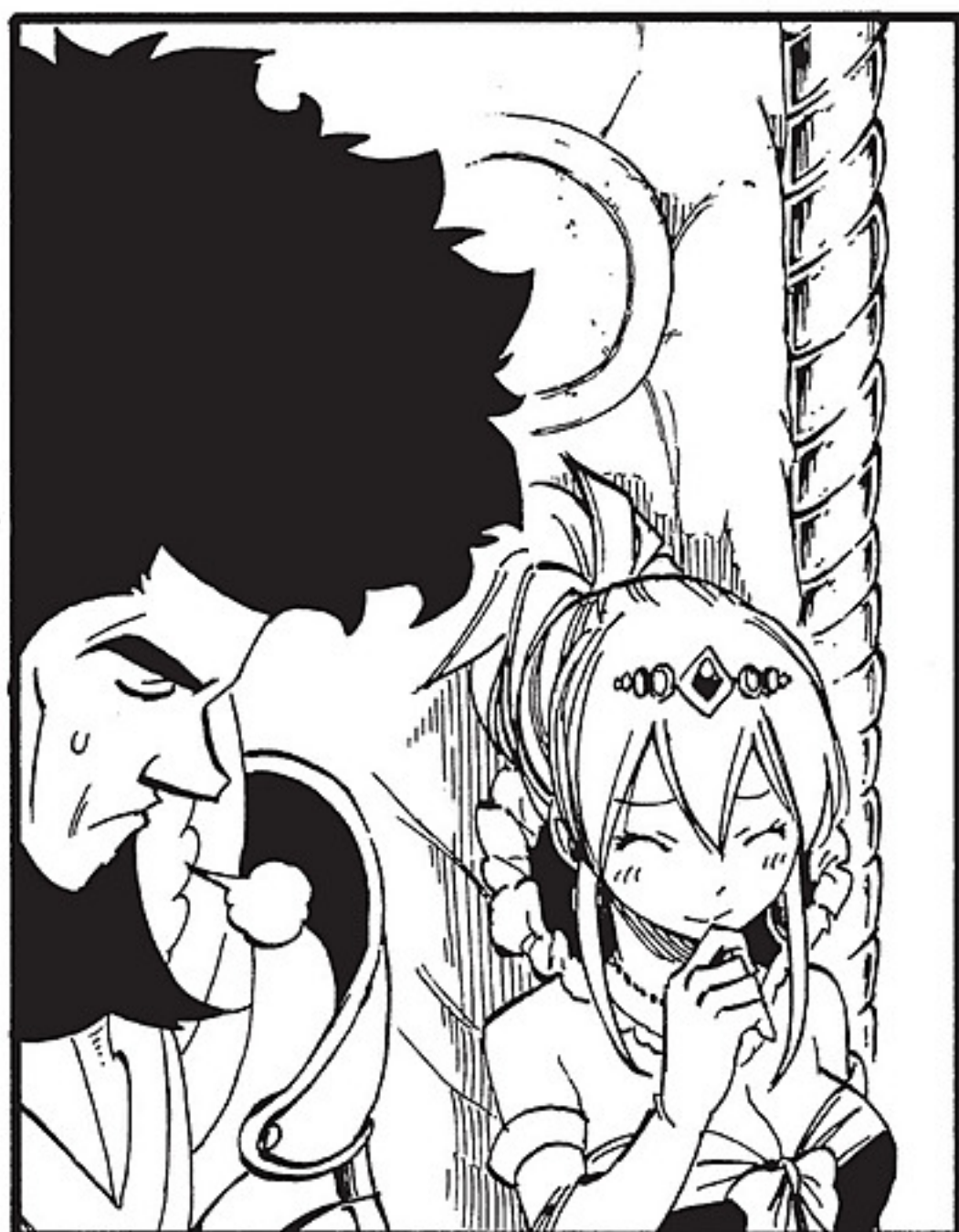
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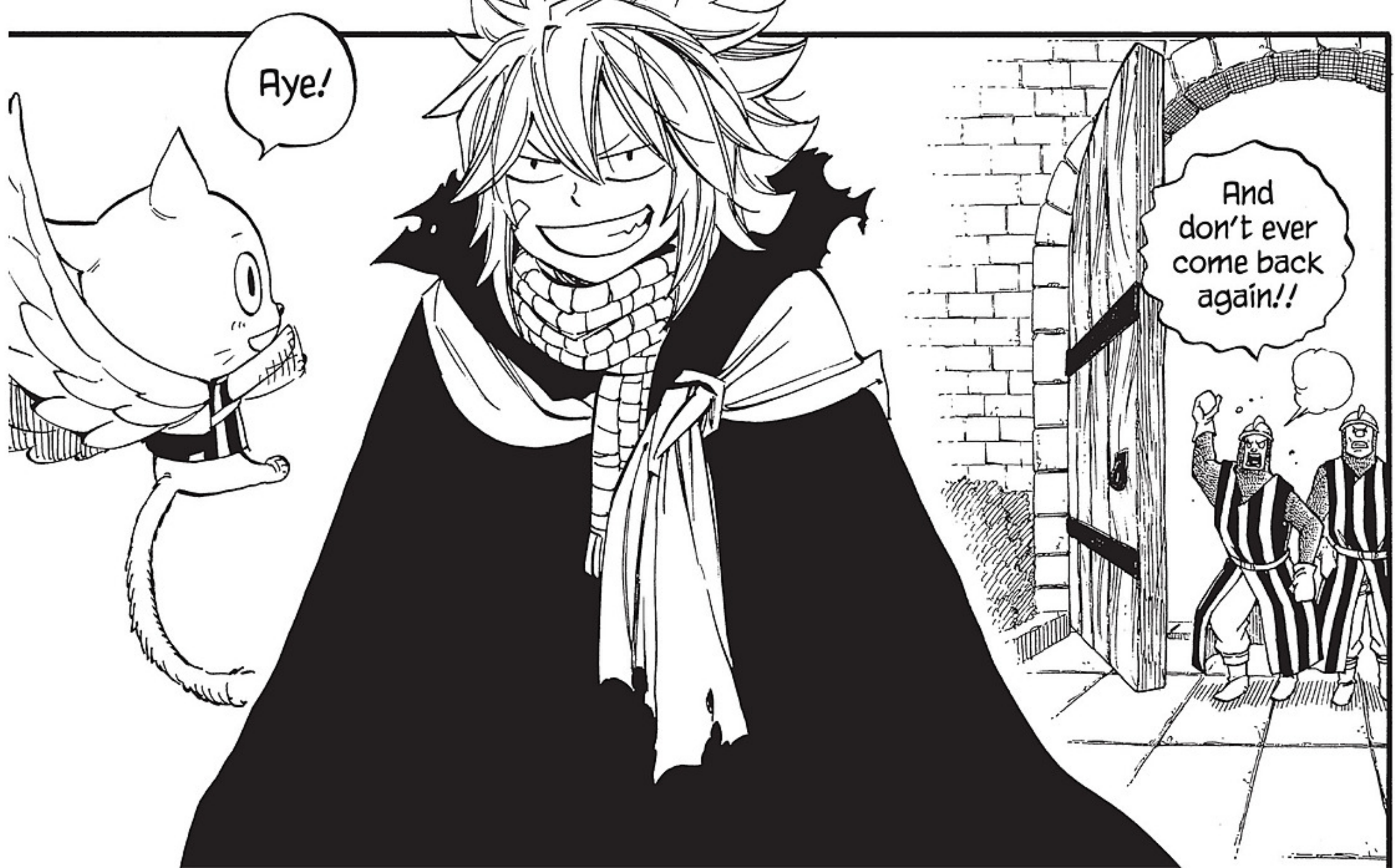
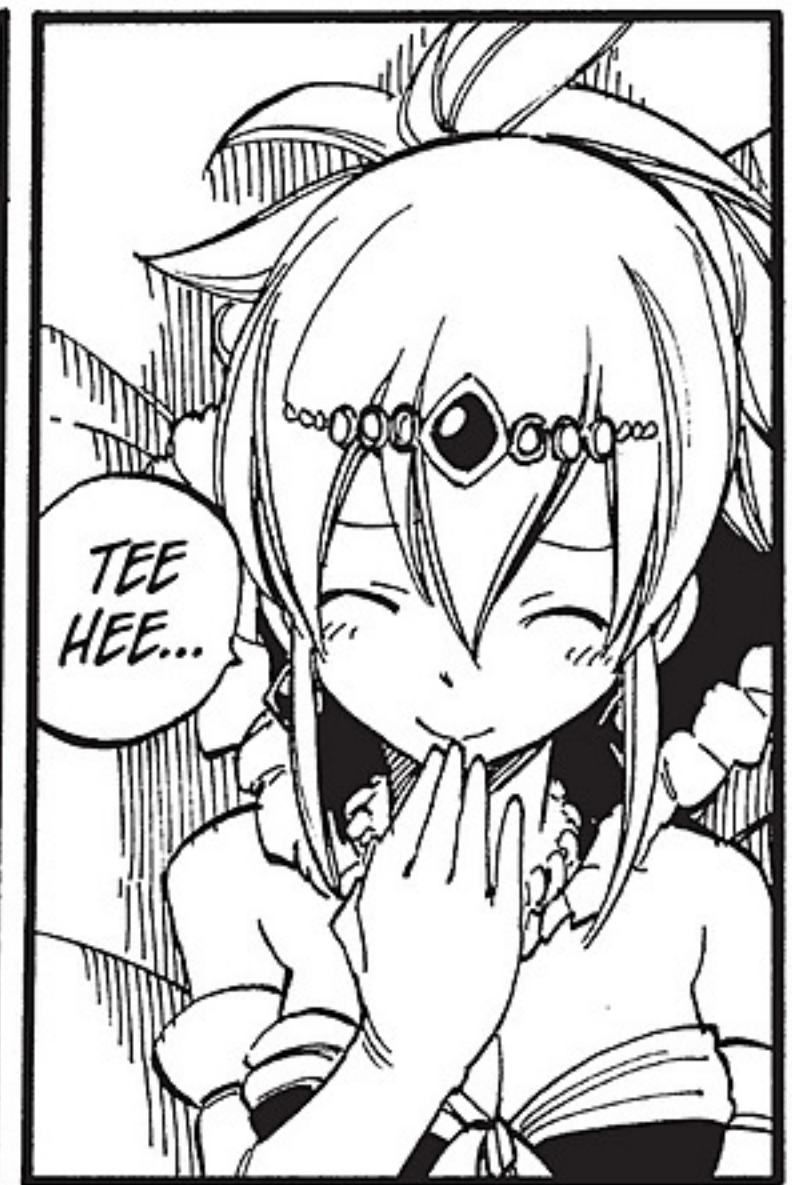
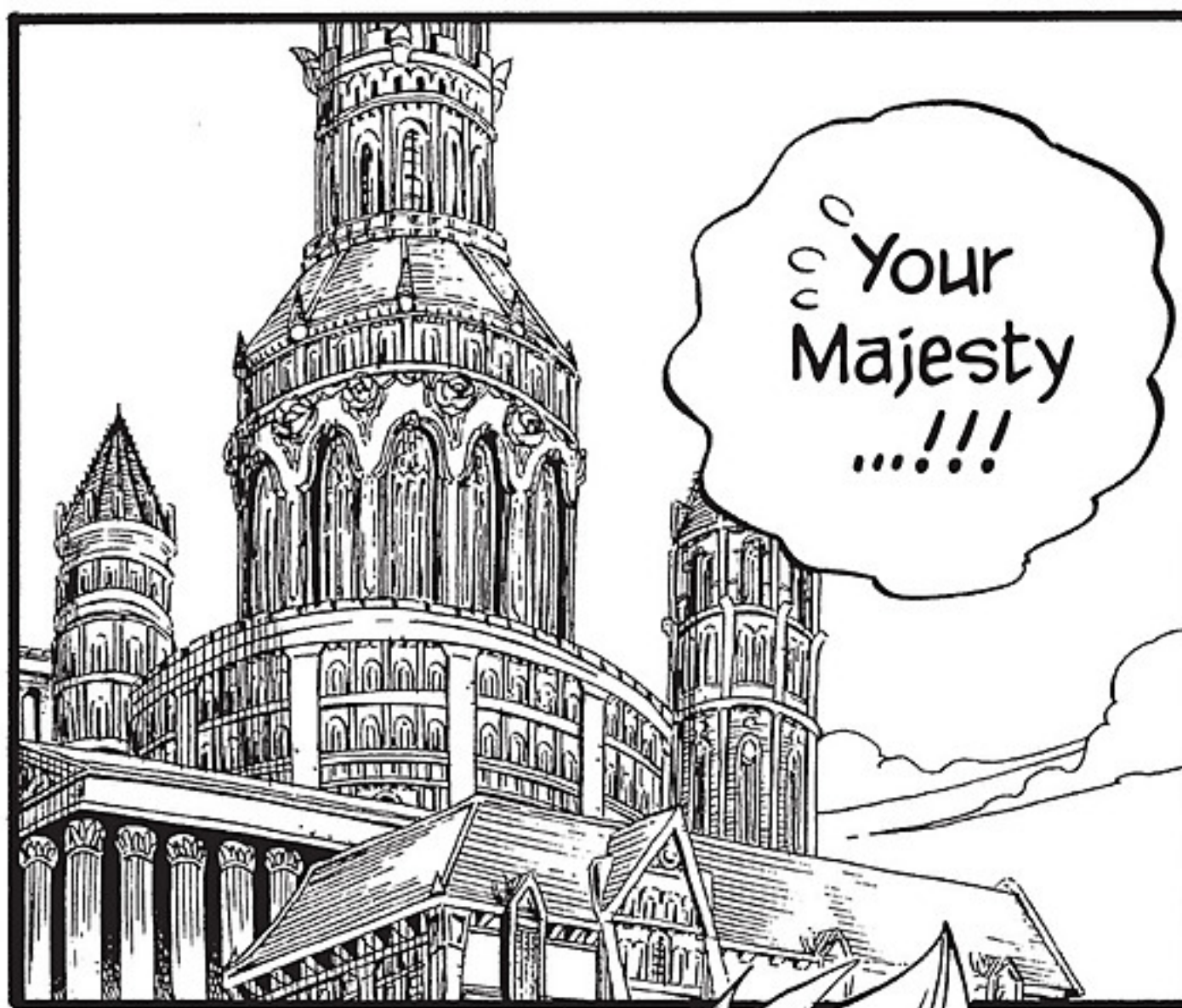
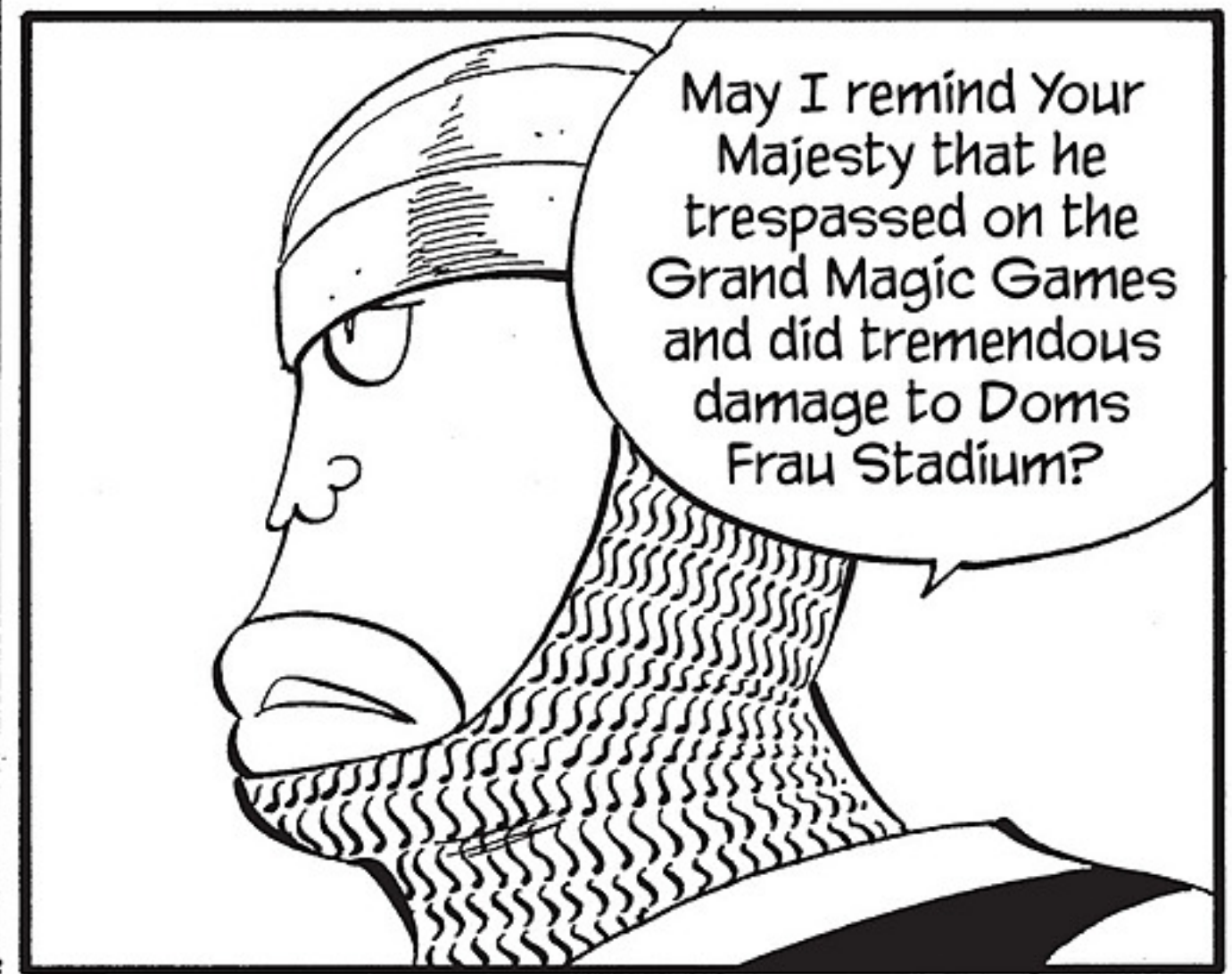
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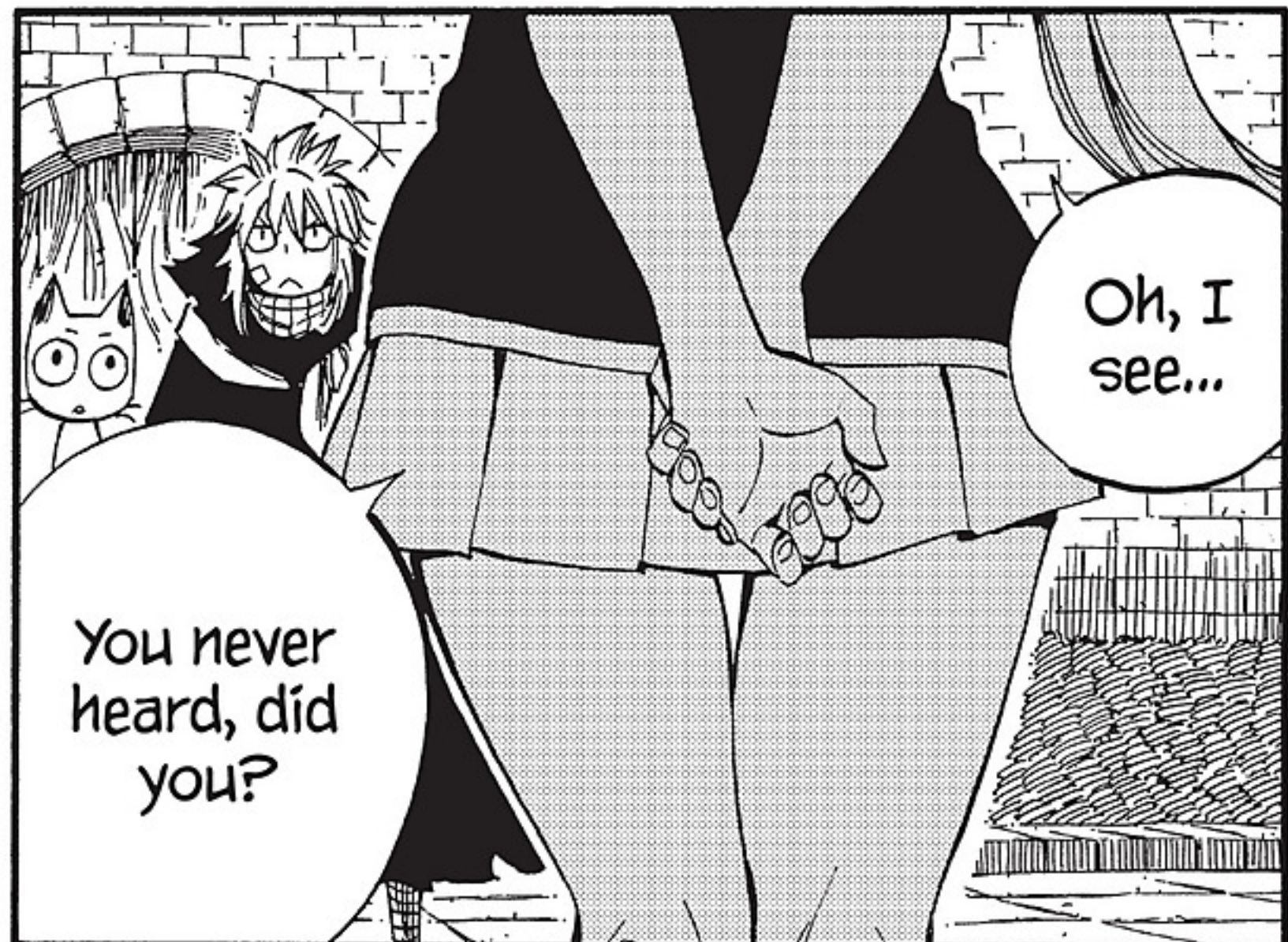
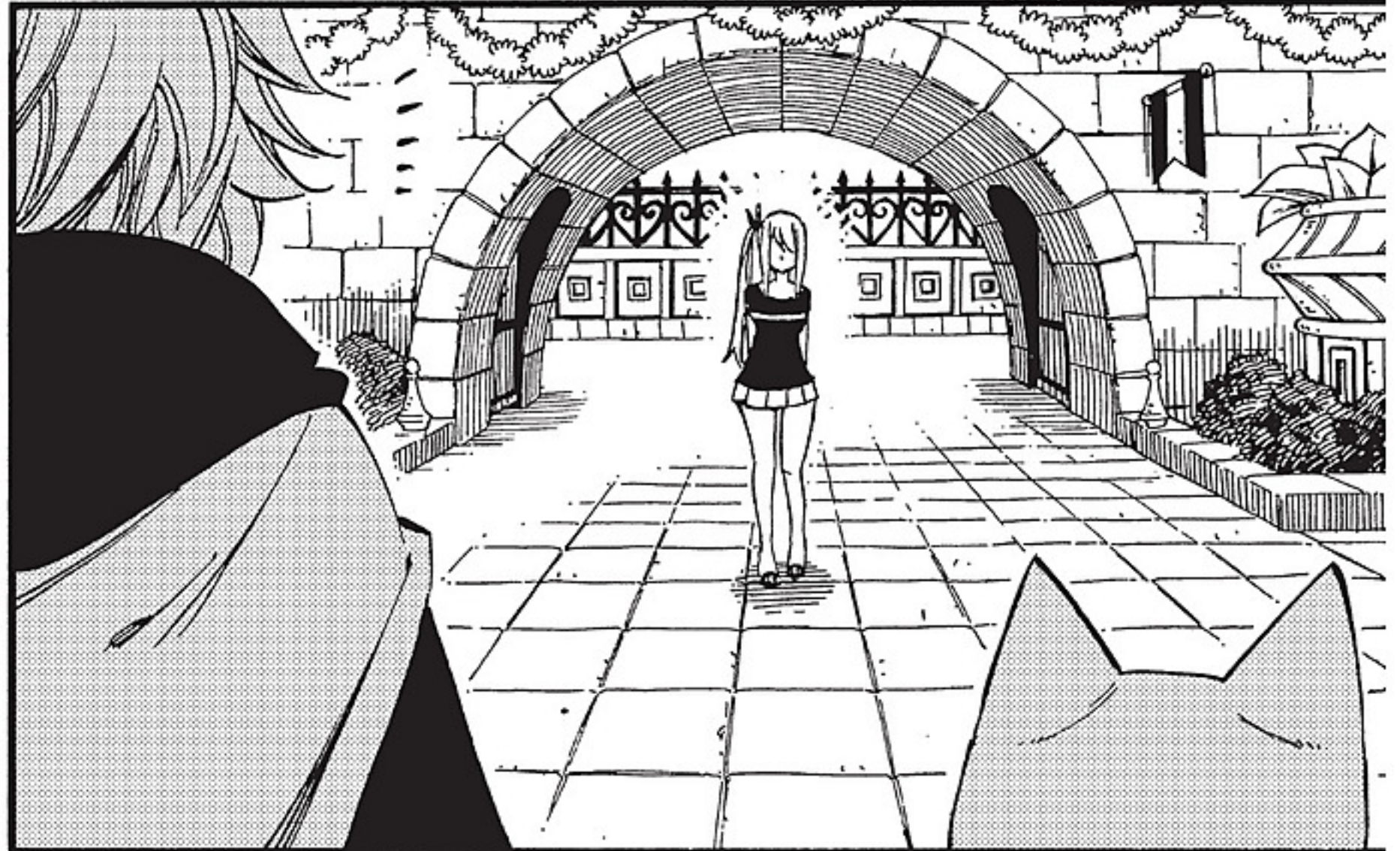
Mercurius
Palace,
Crocus

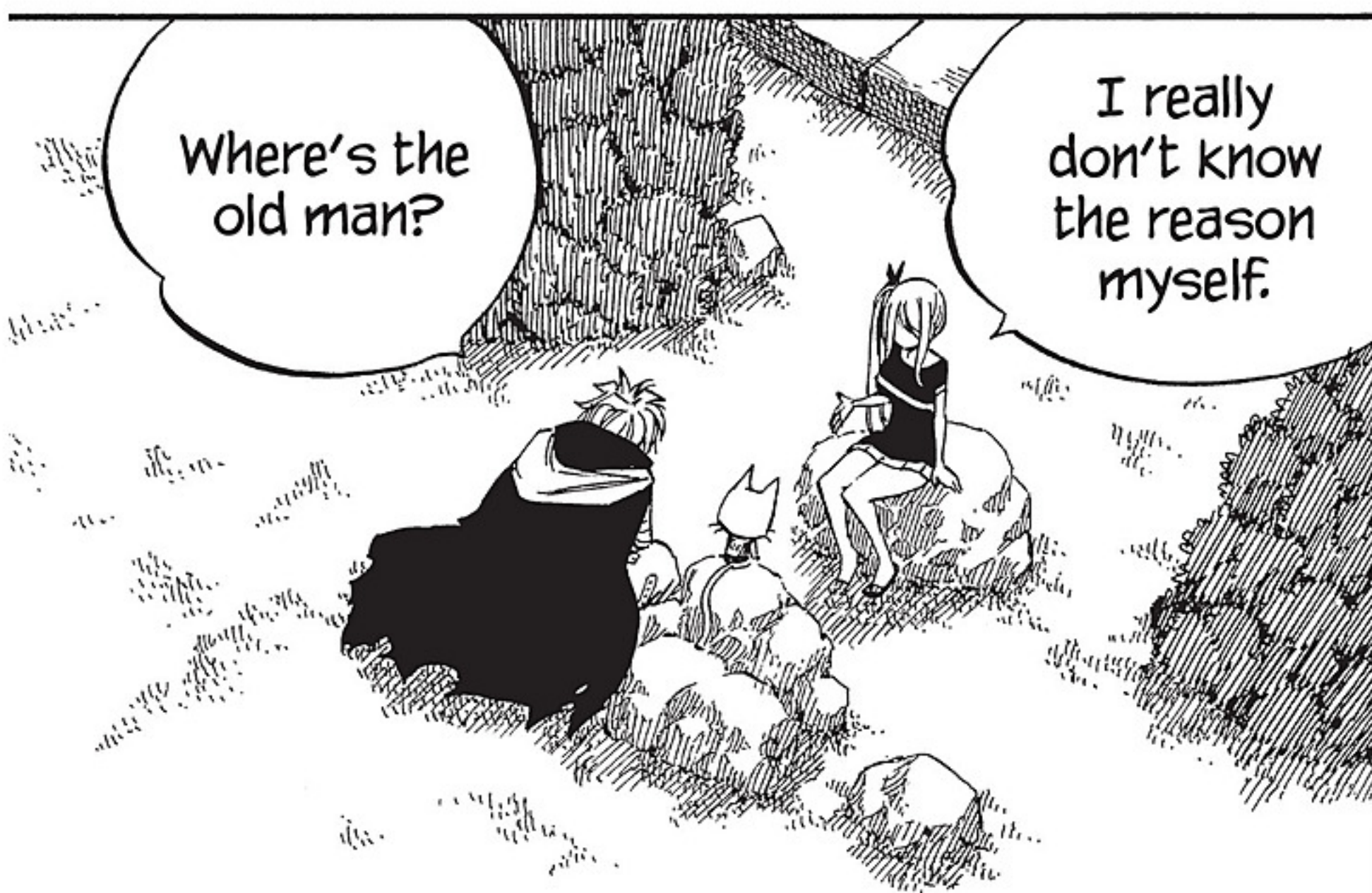
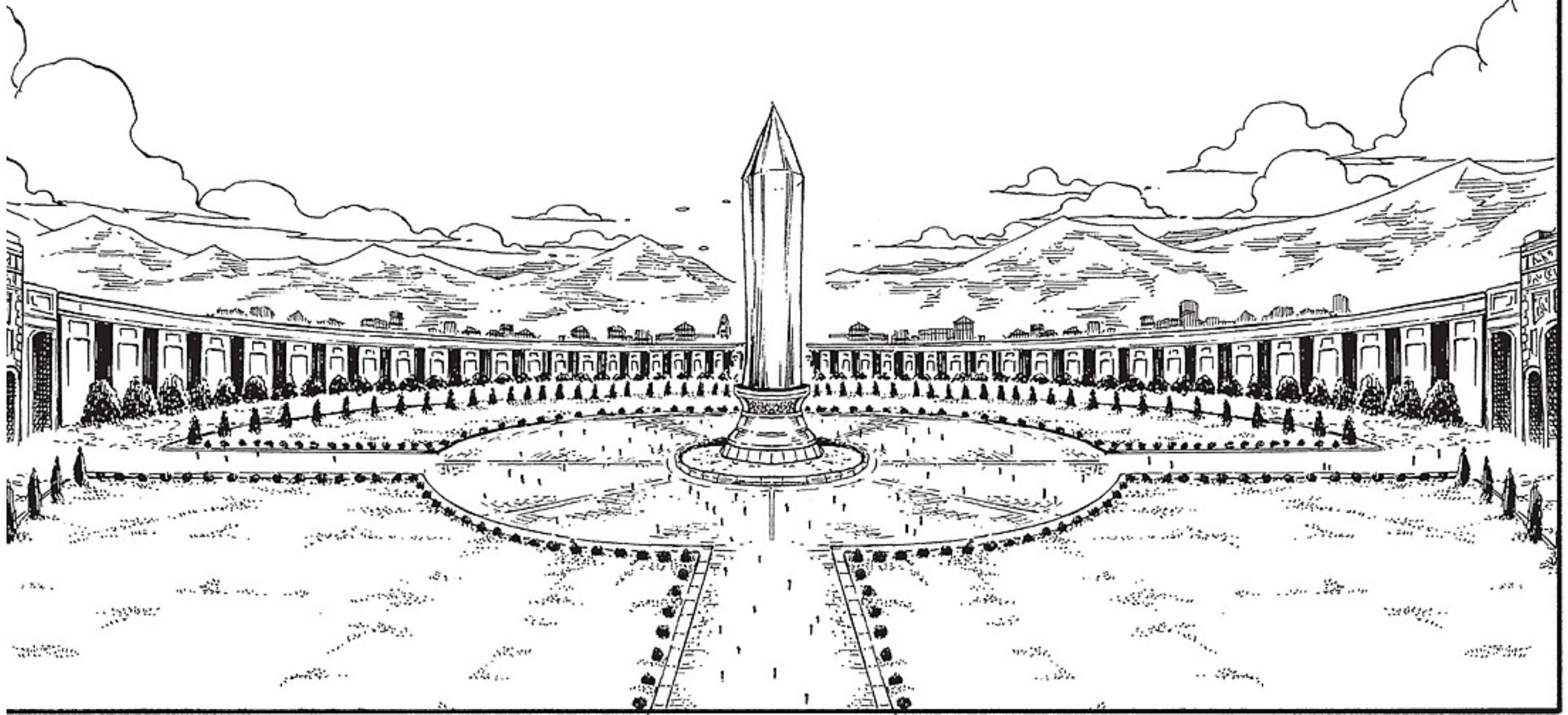
He's been
acquitted?
...Really?

Let him
go?

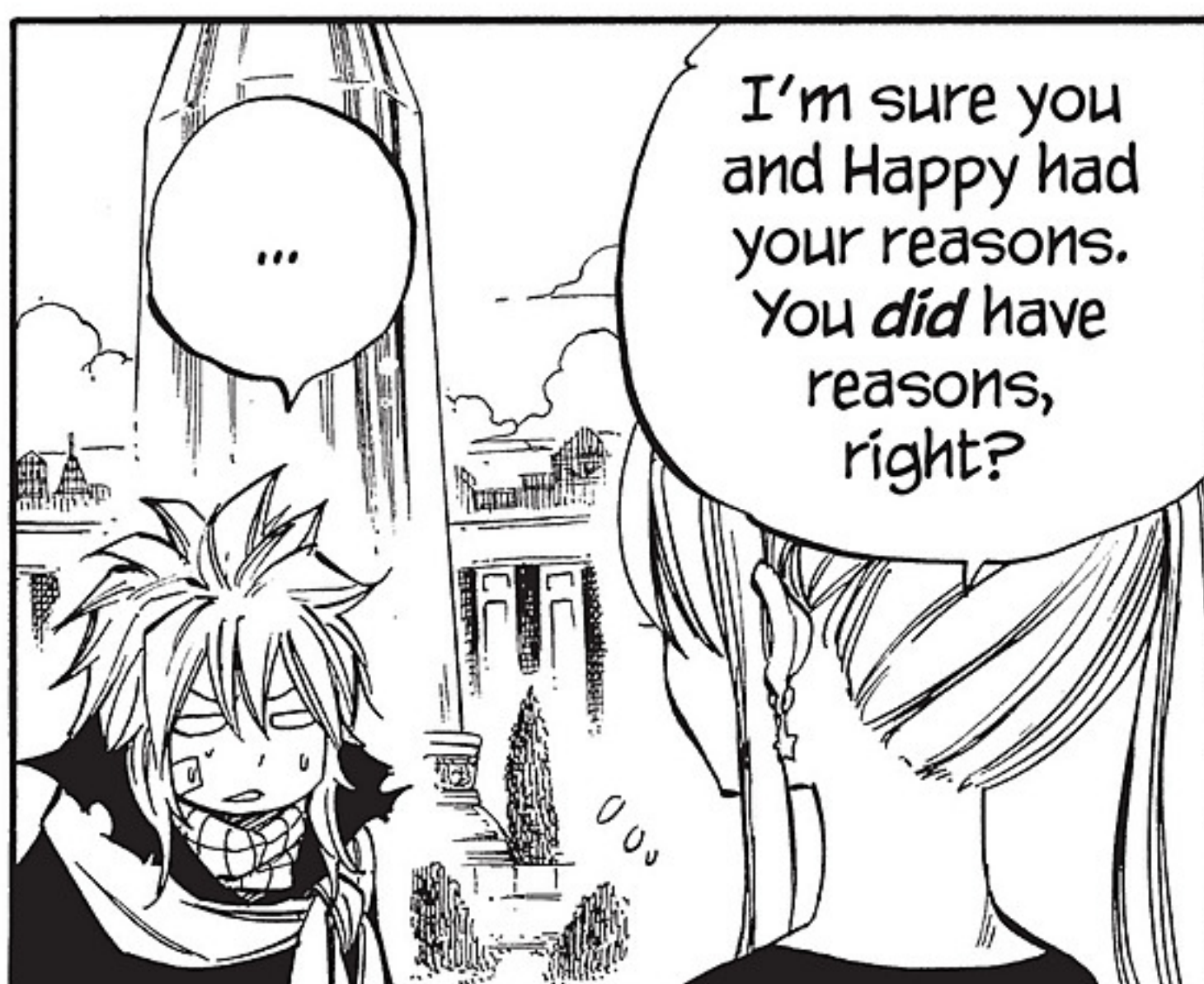






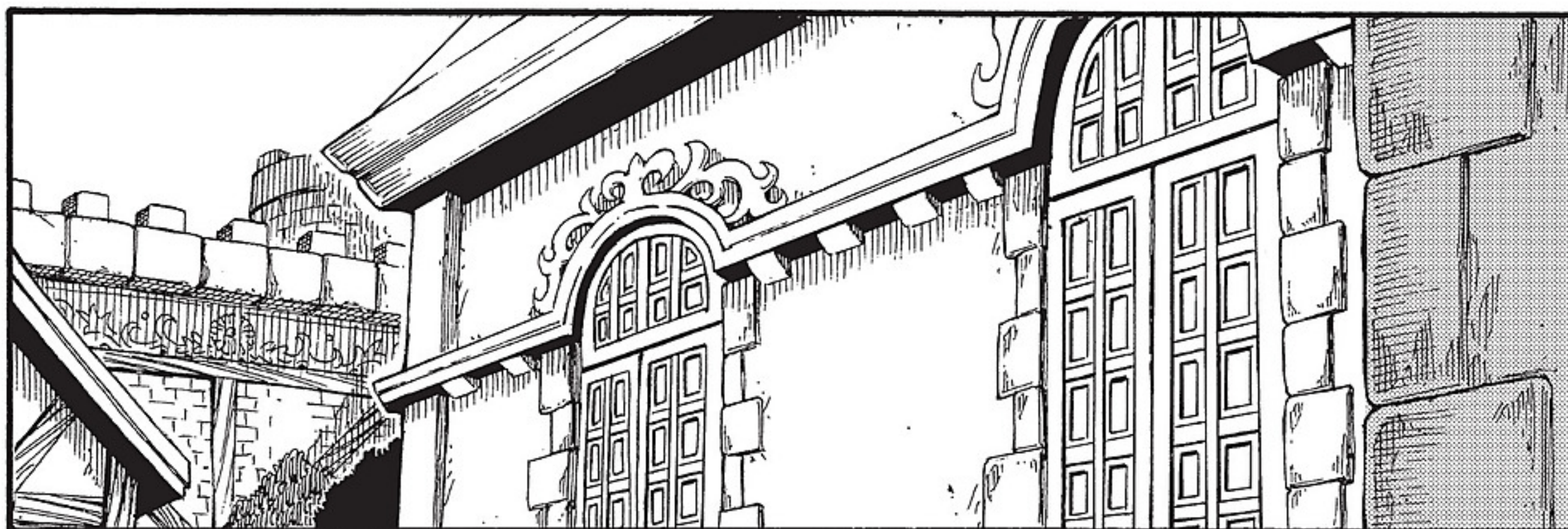








Well,
the master
and everyone
else must have
their reasons,
too.

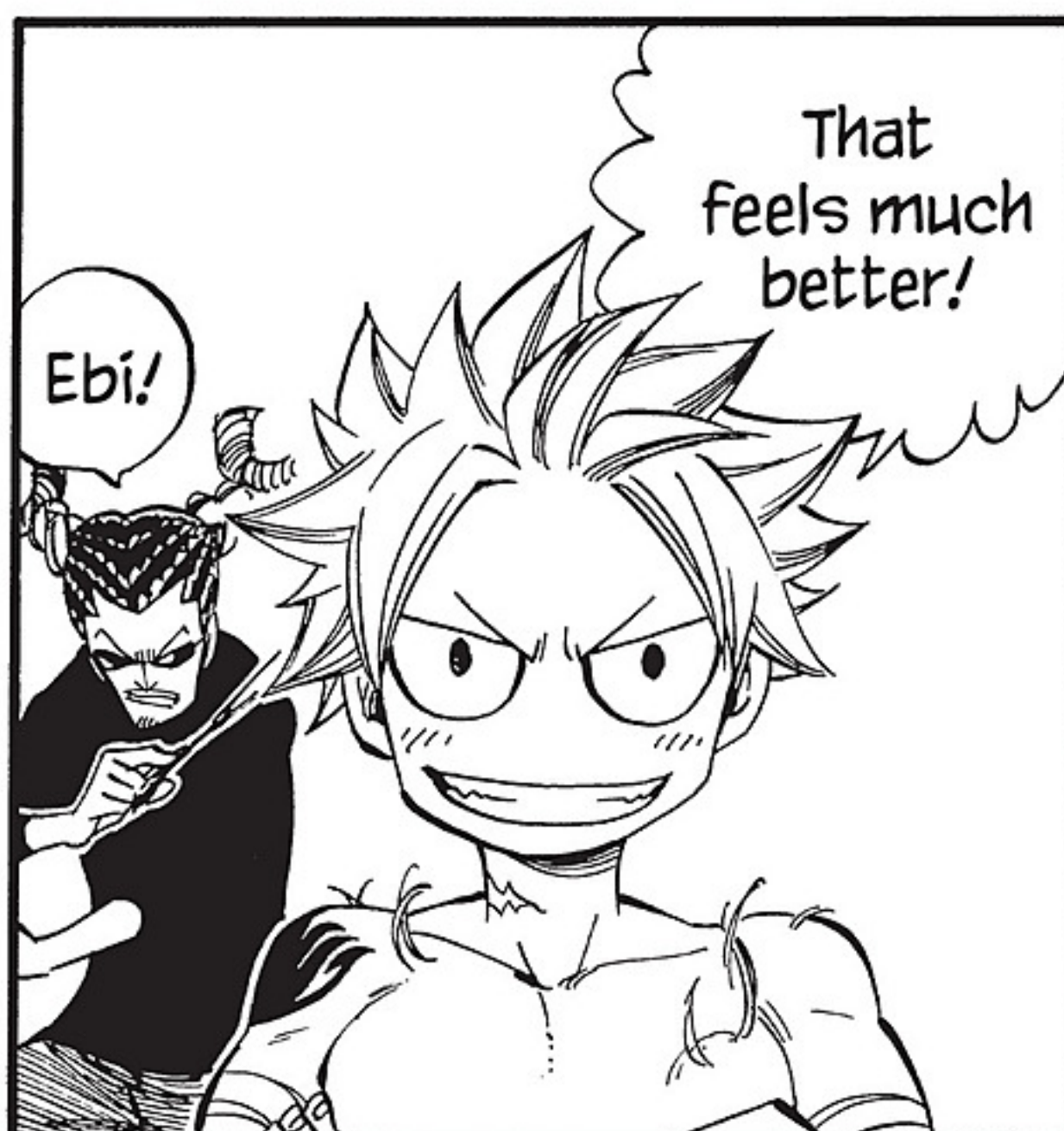


It's a lot closer
to where I work.

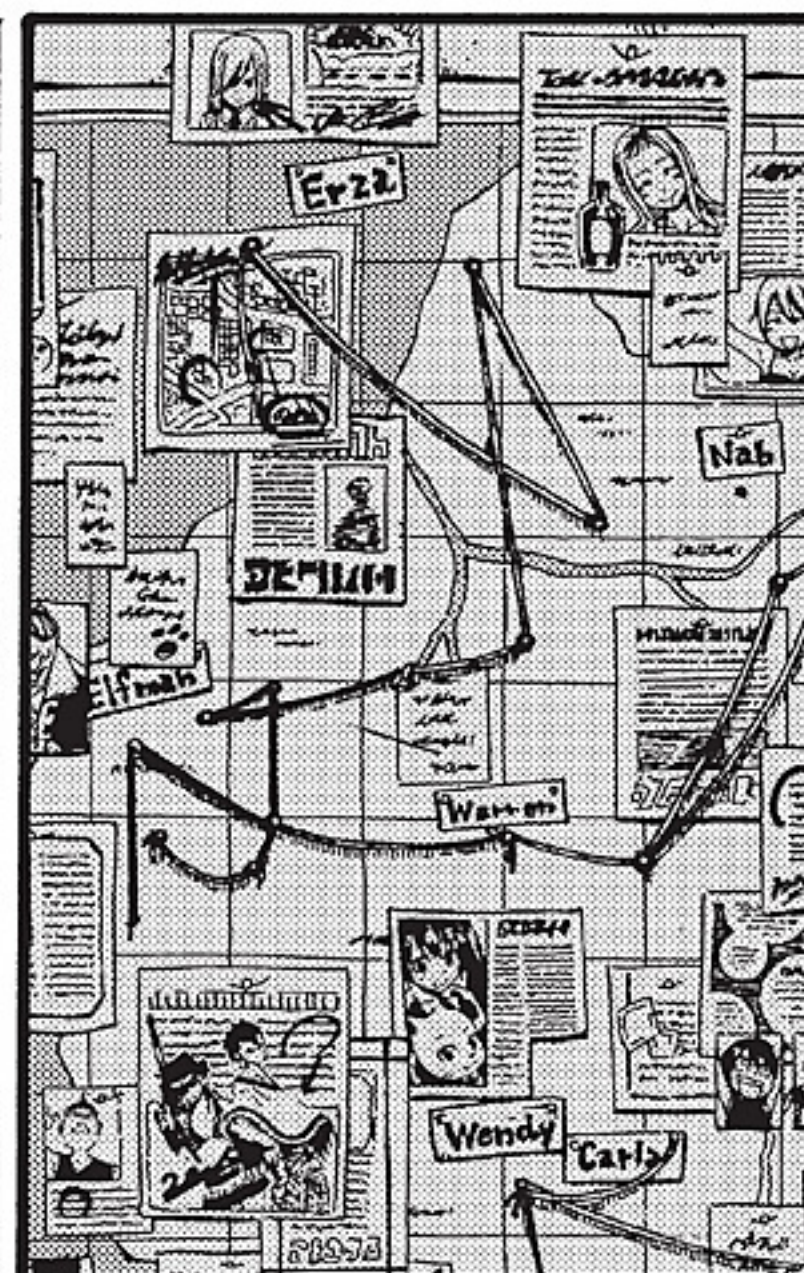
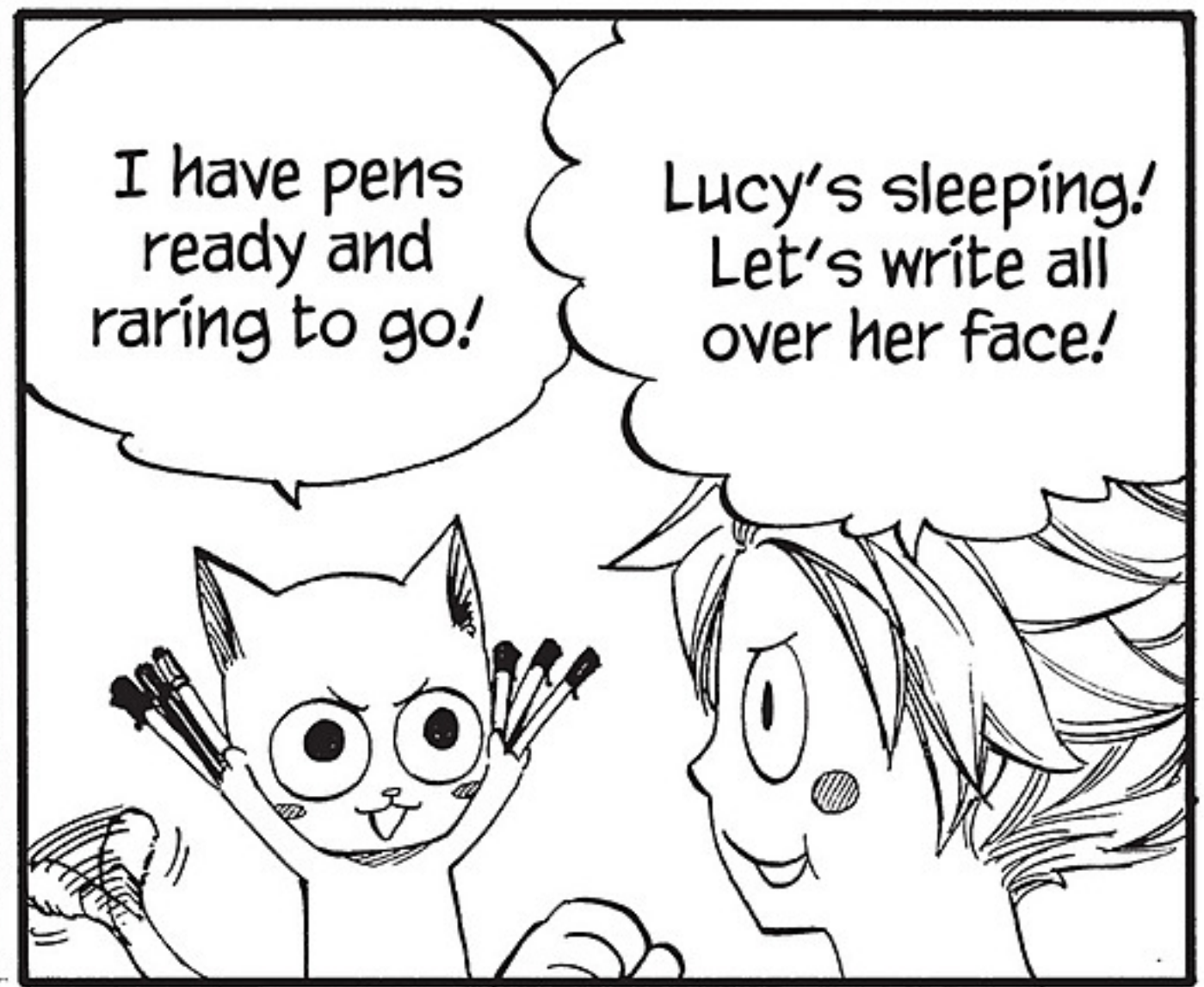
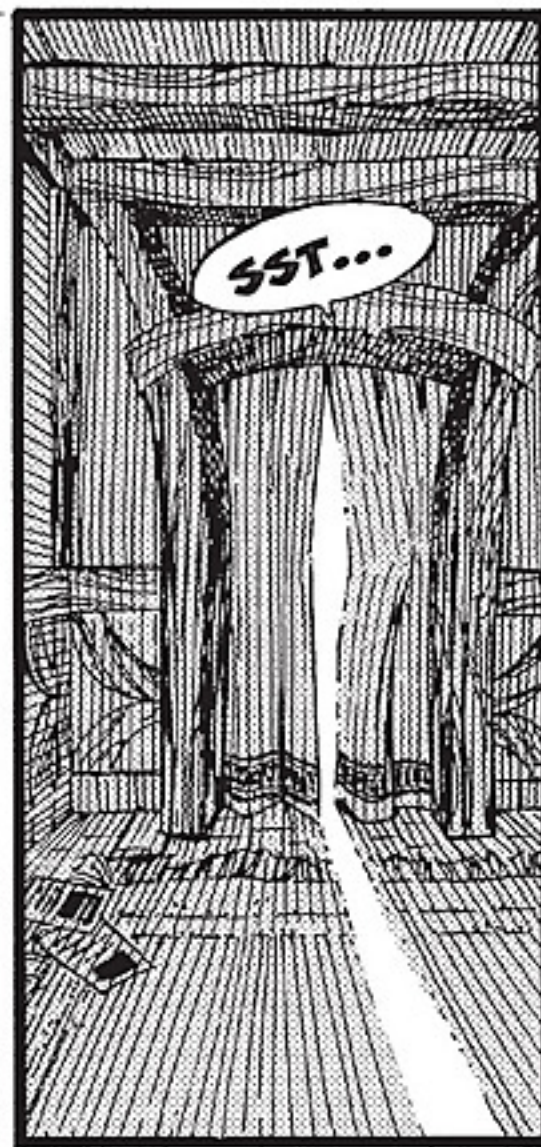


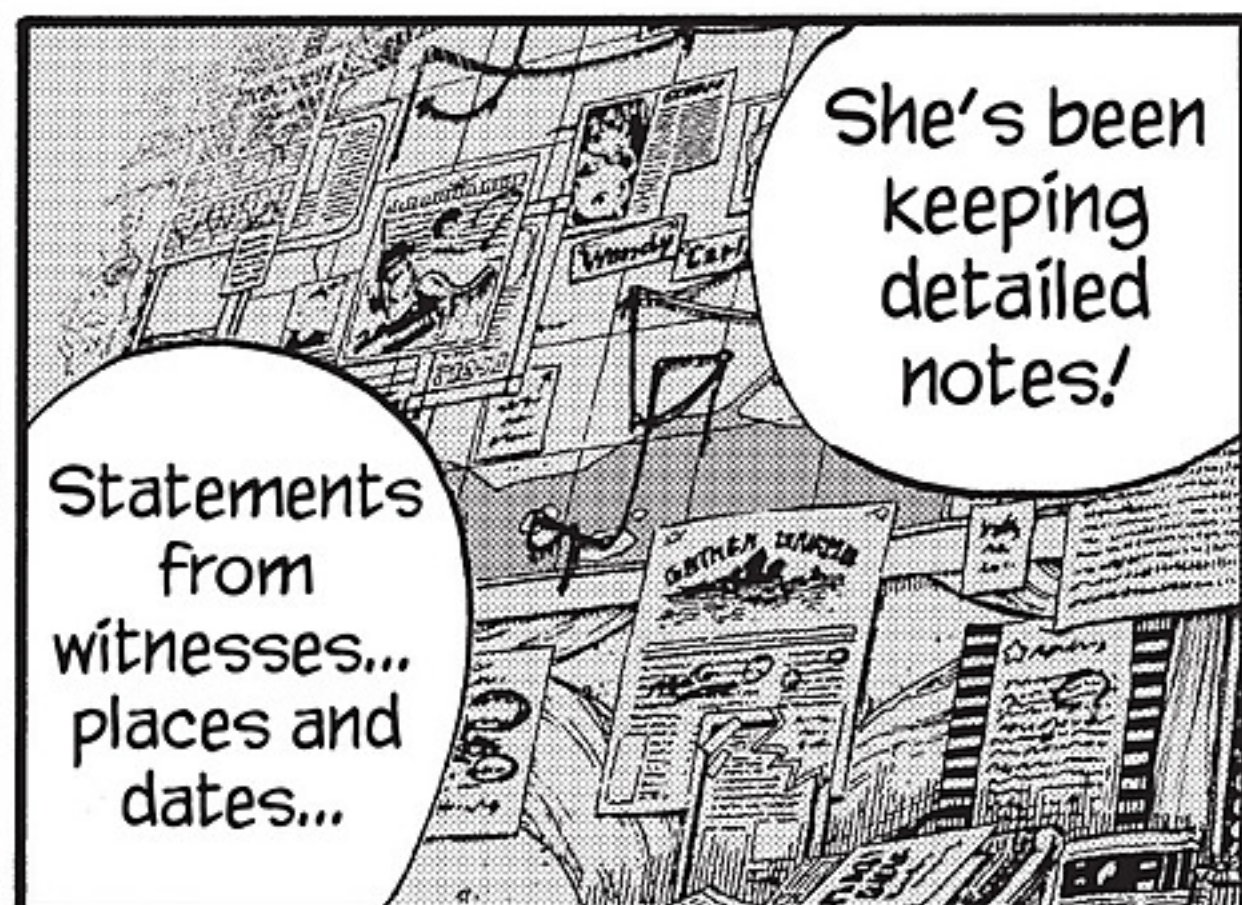
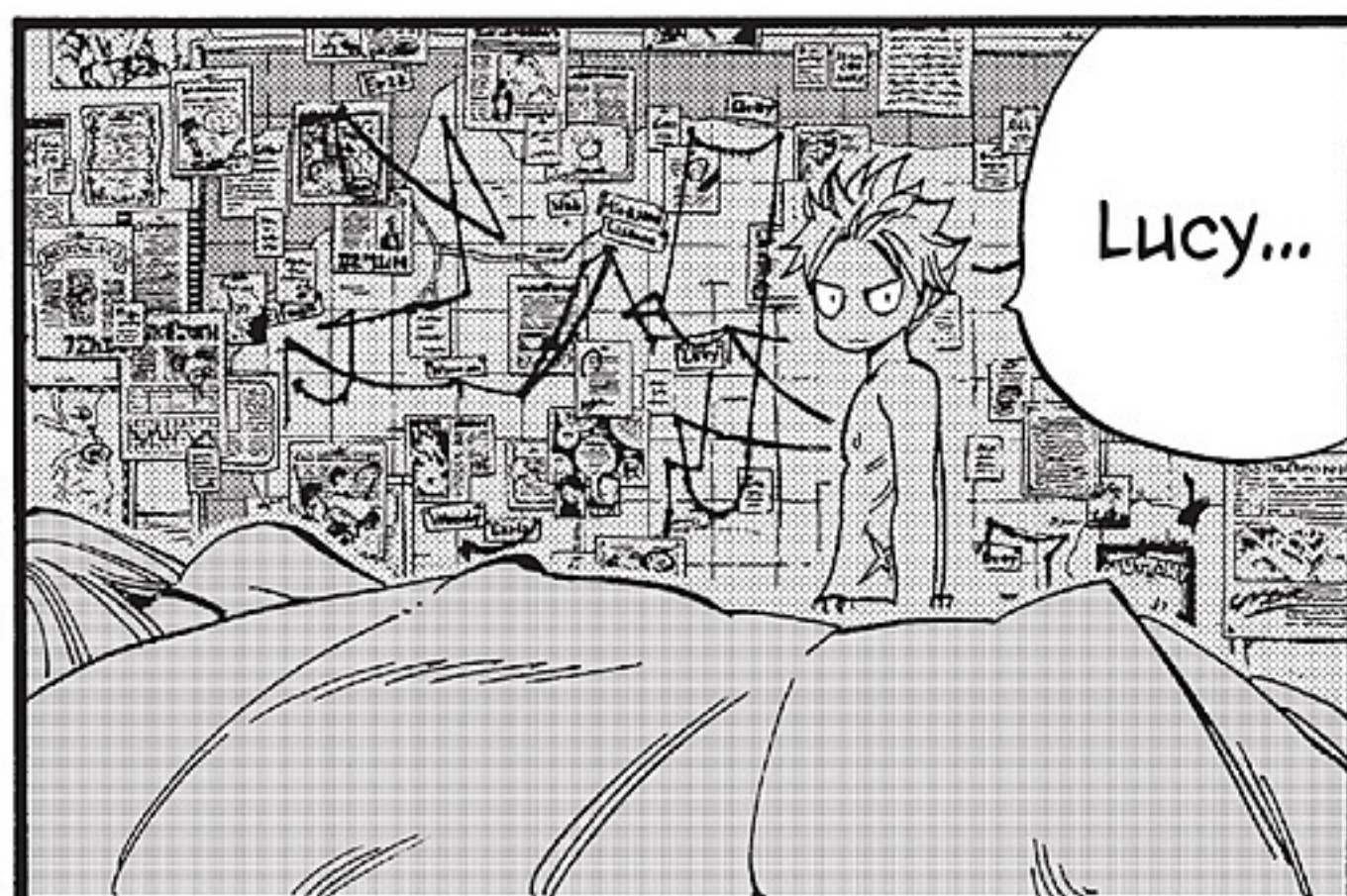
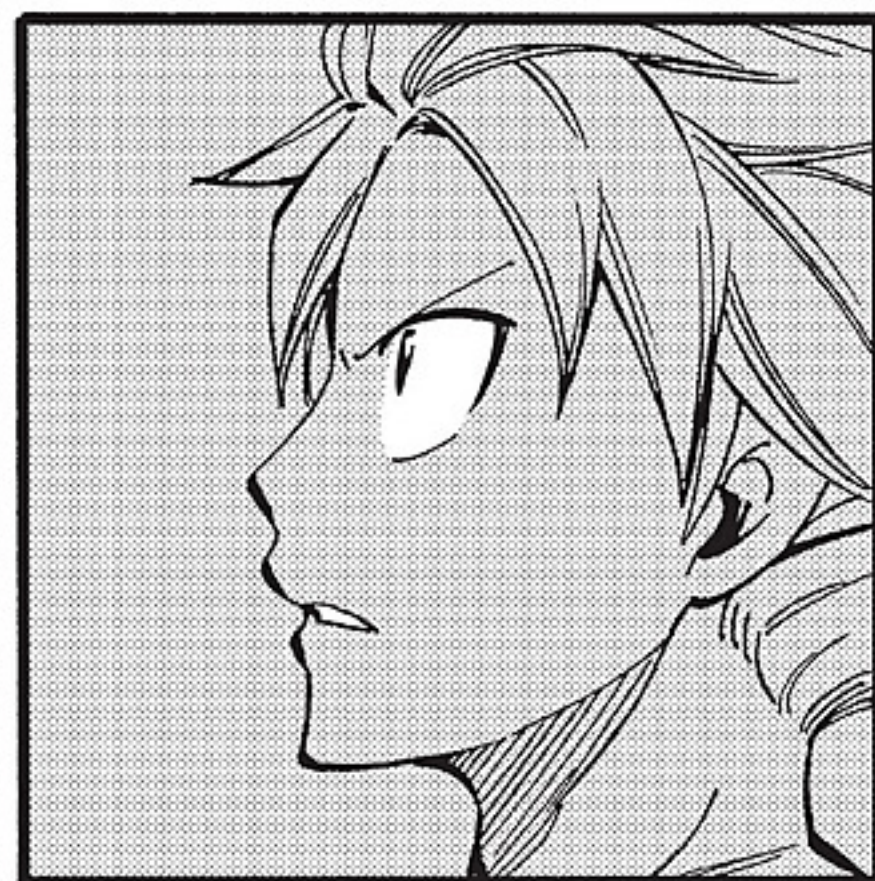
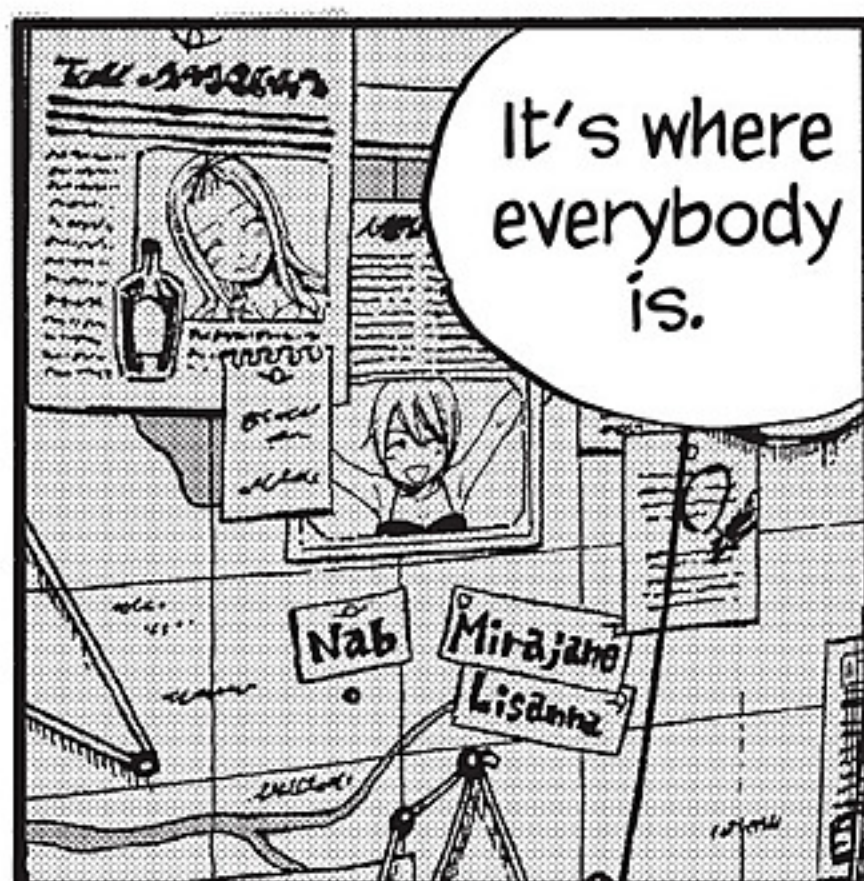
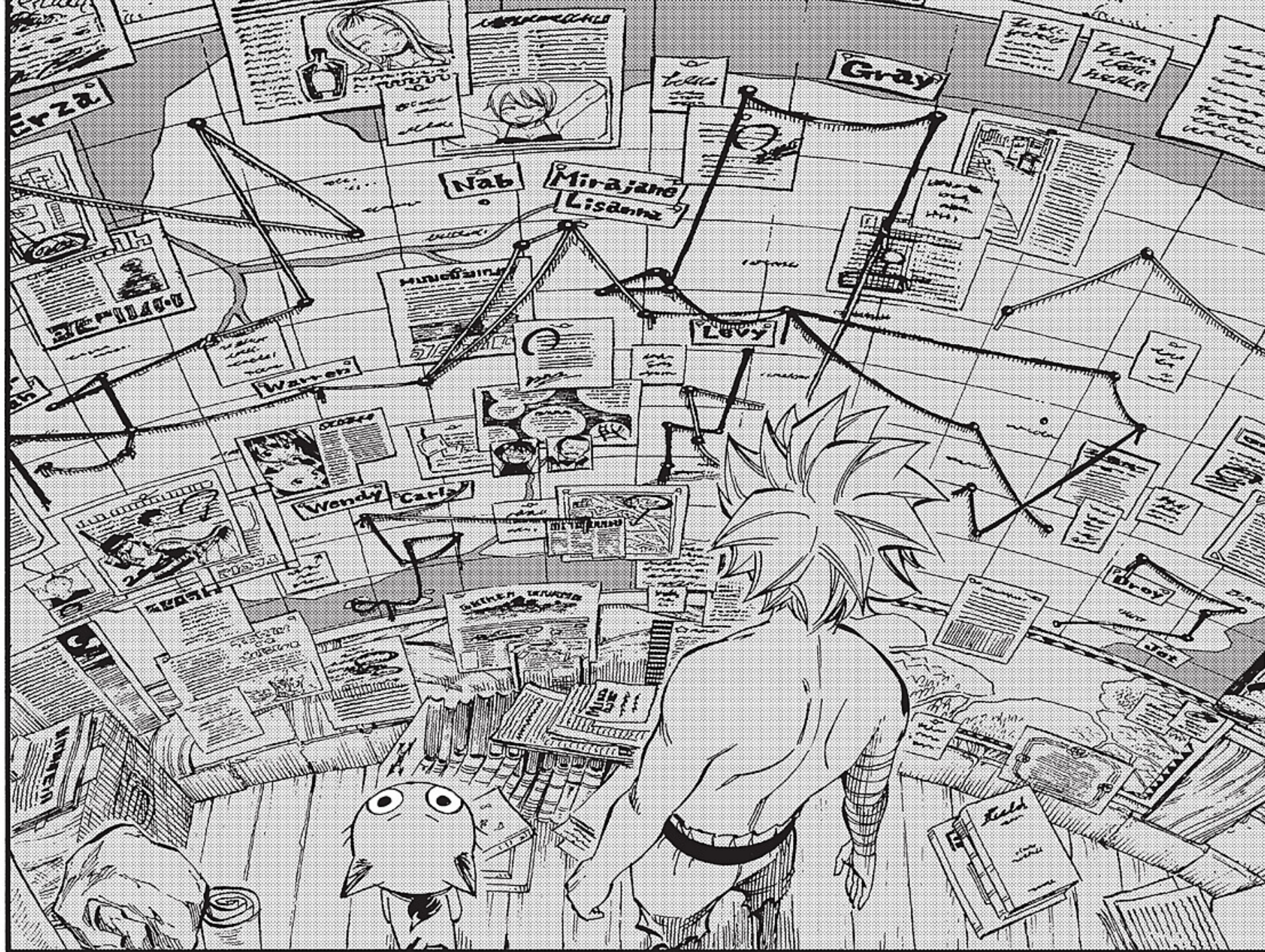
Whoa!! Is
this your
new place,
Lucy?!

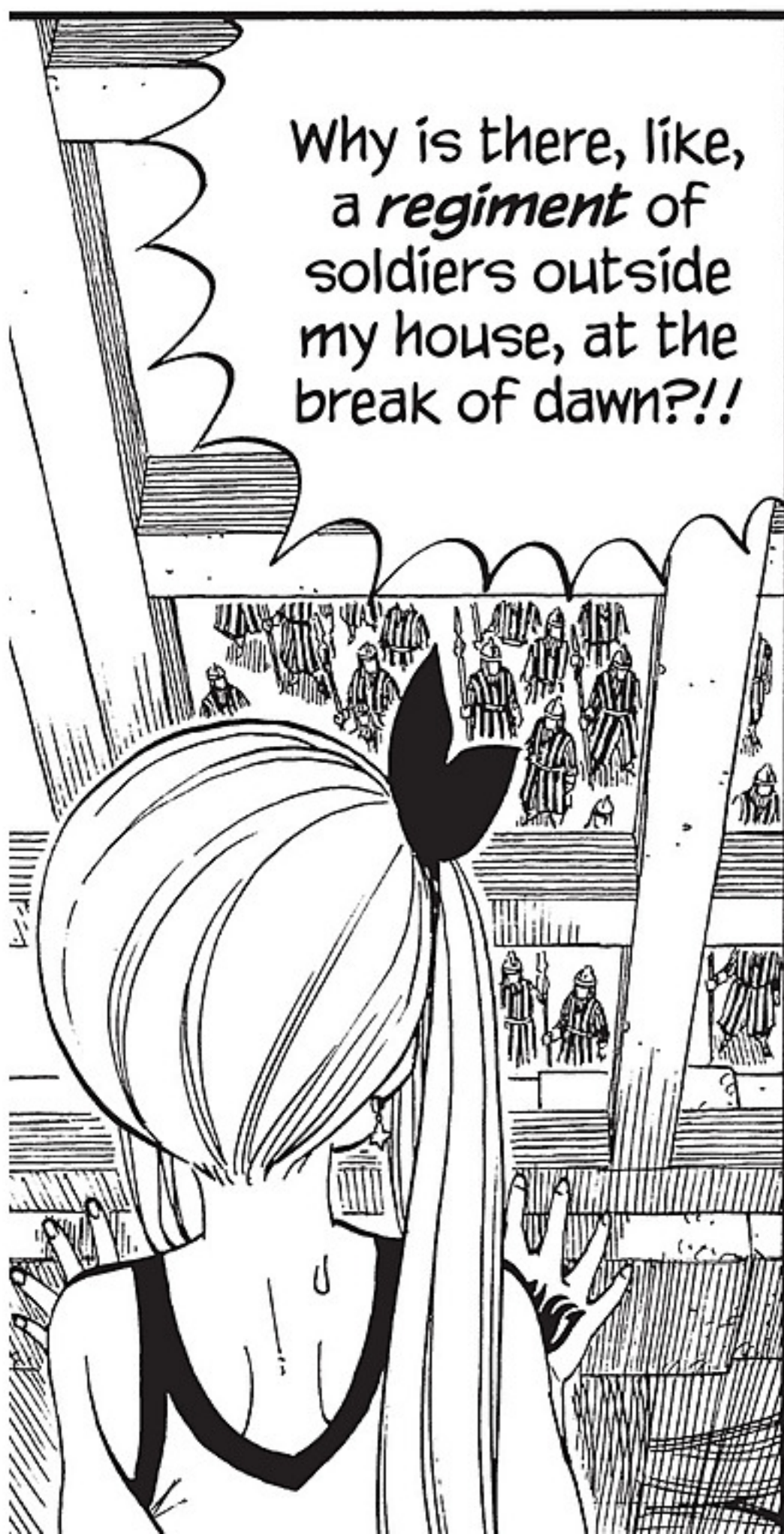
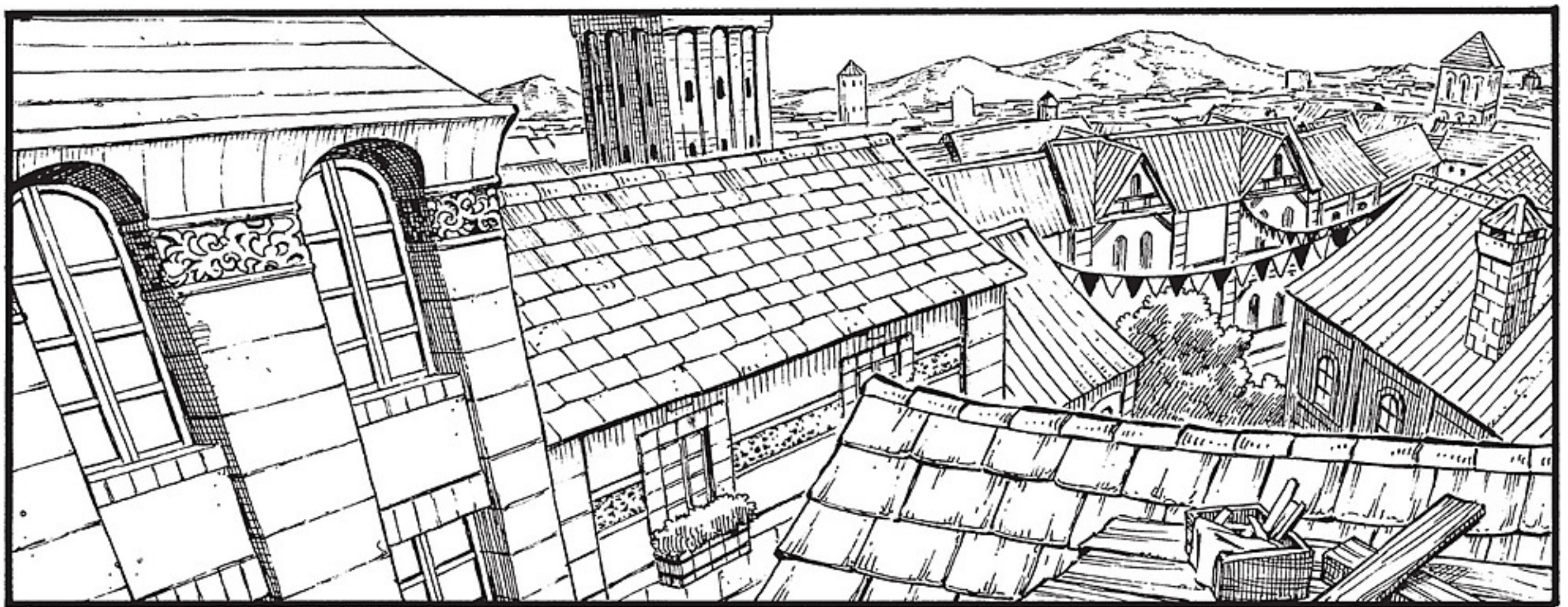
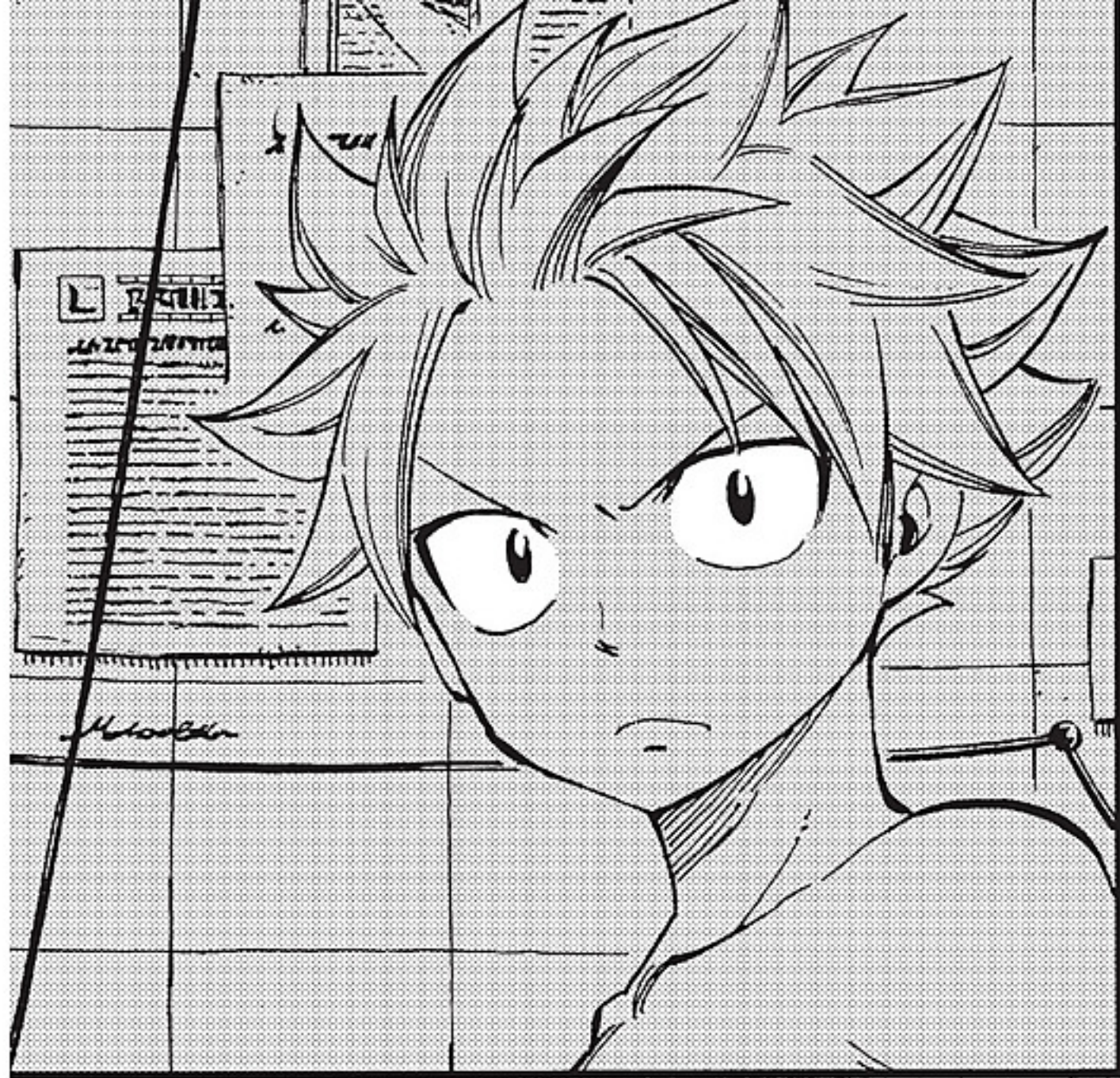
You're
living in
Crocus
now, huh?











Why is there, like,
a *regiment* of
soldiers outside
my house, at the
break of dawn?!!

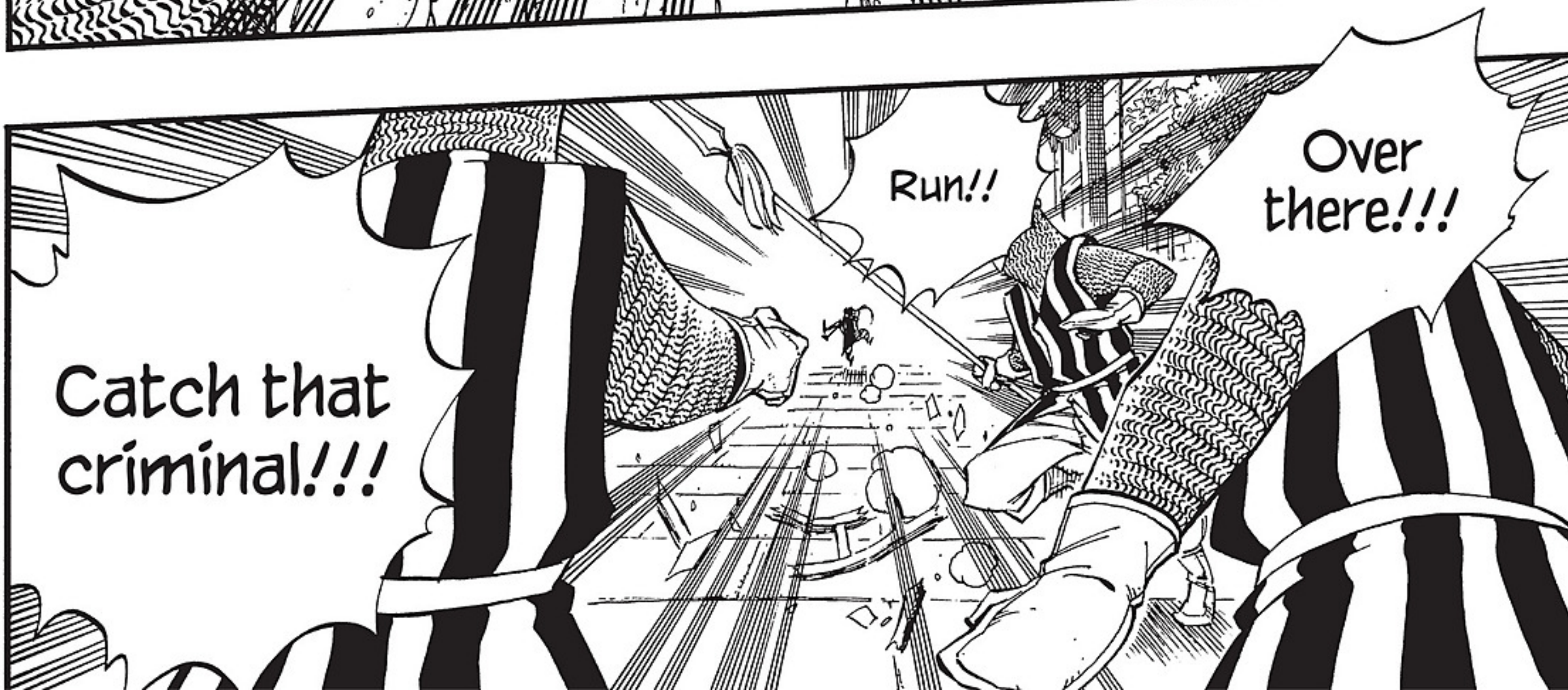
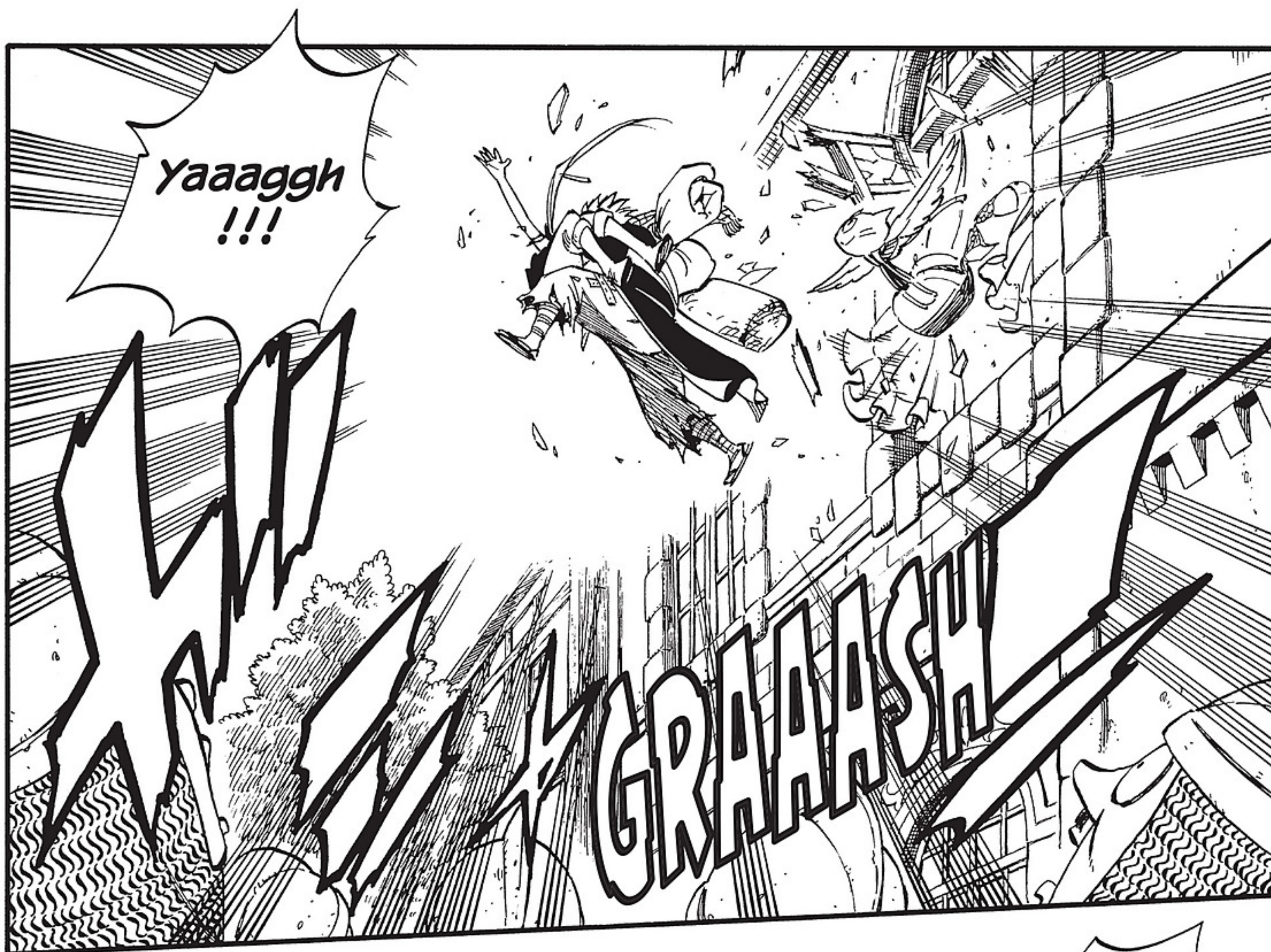


What's
going
on? **Huh?**

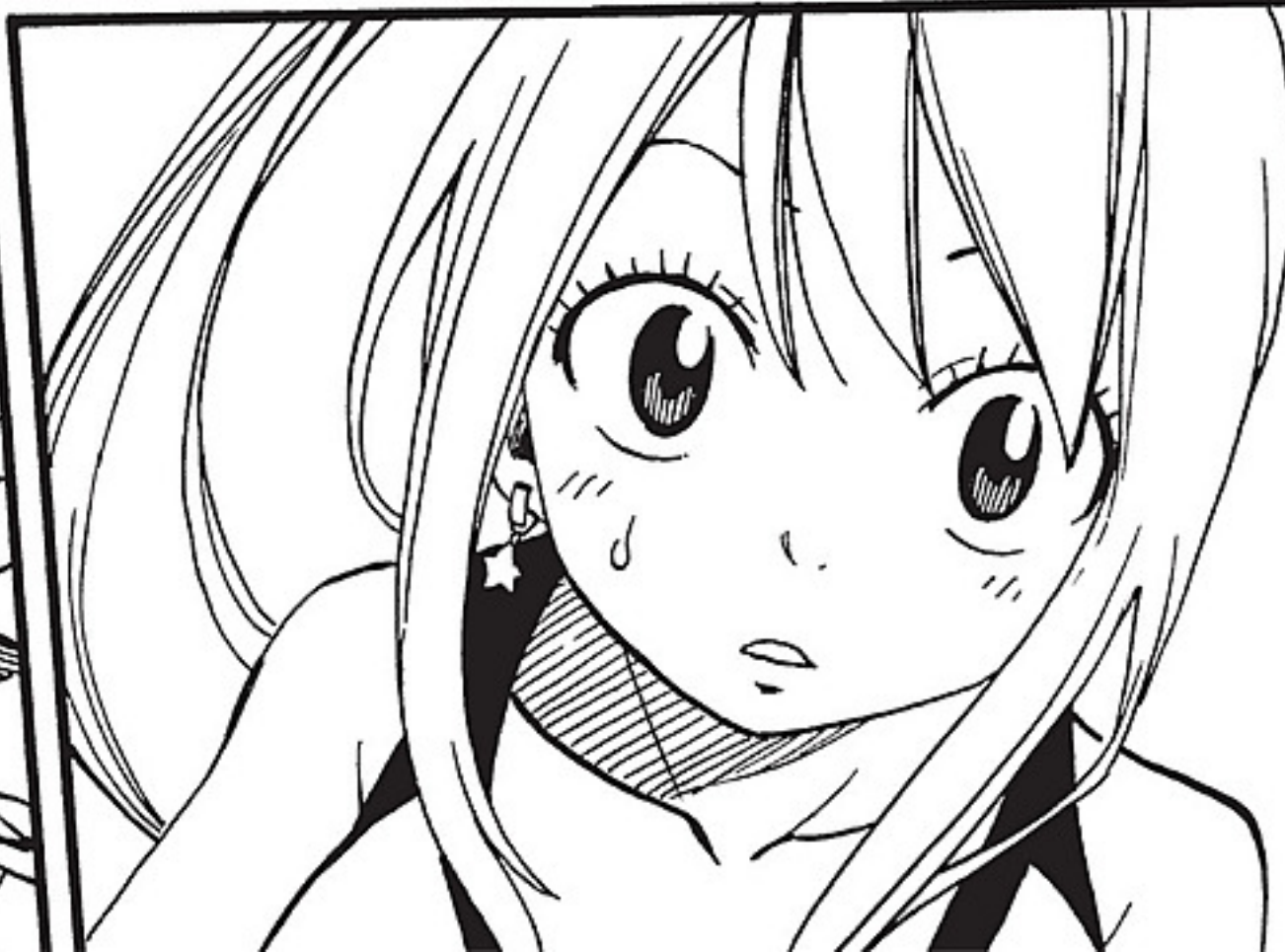
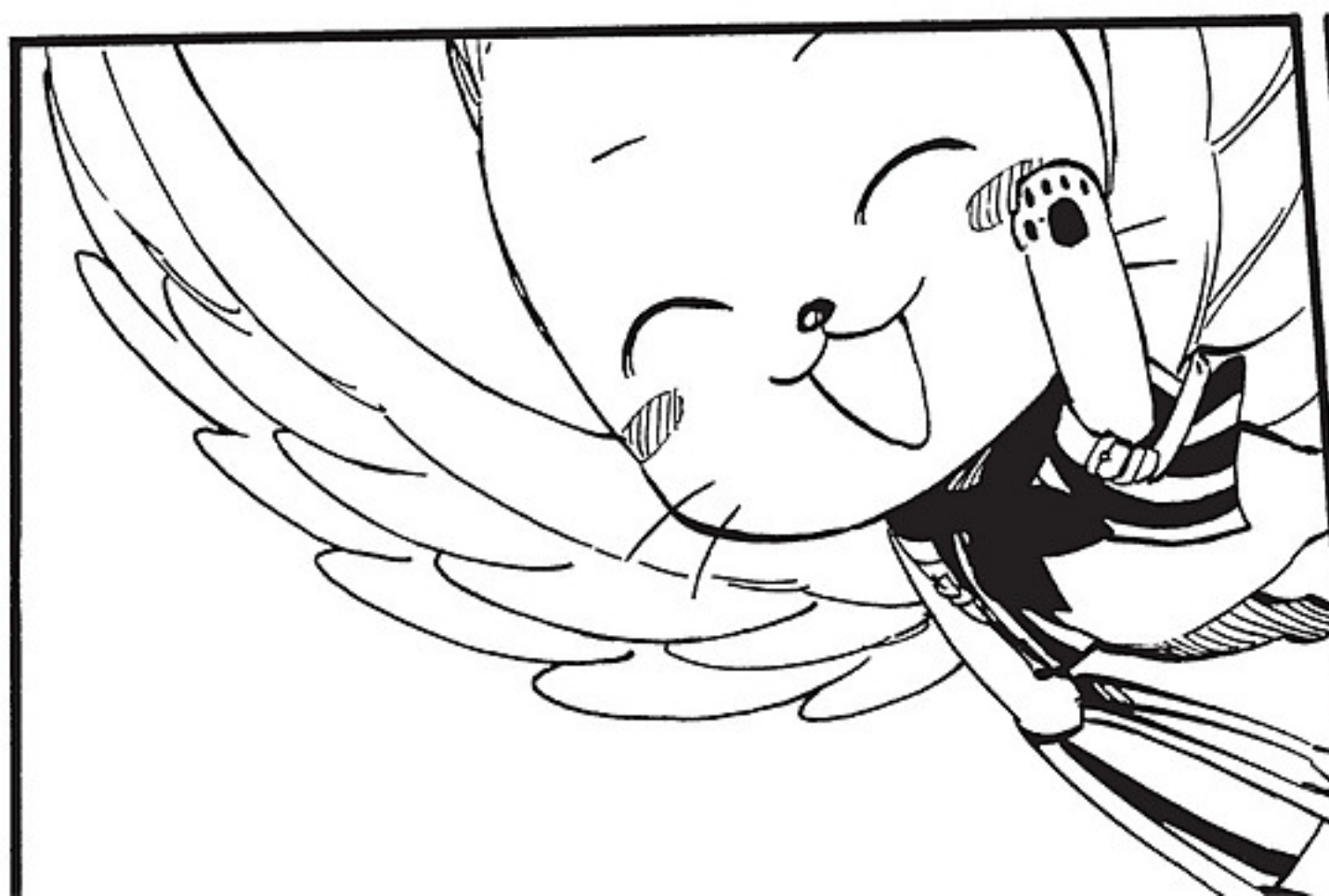


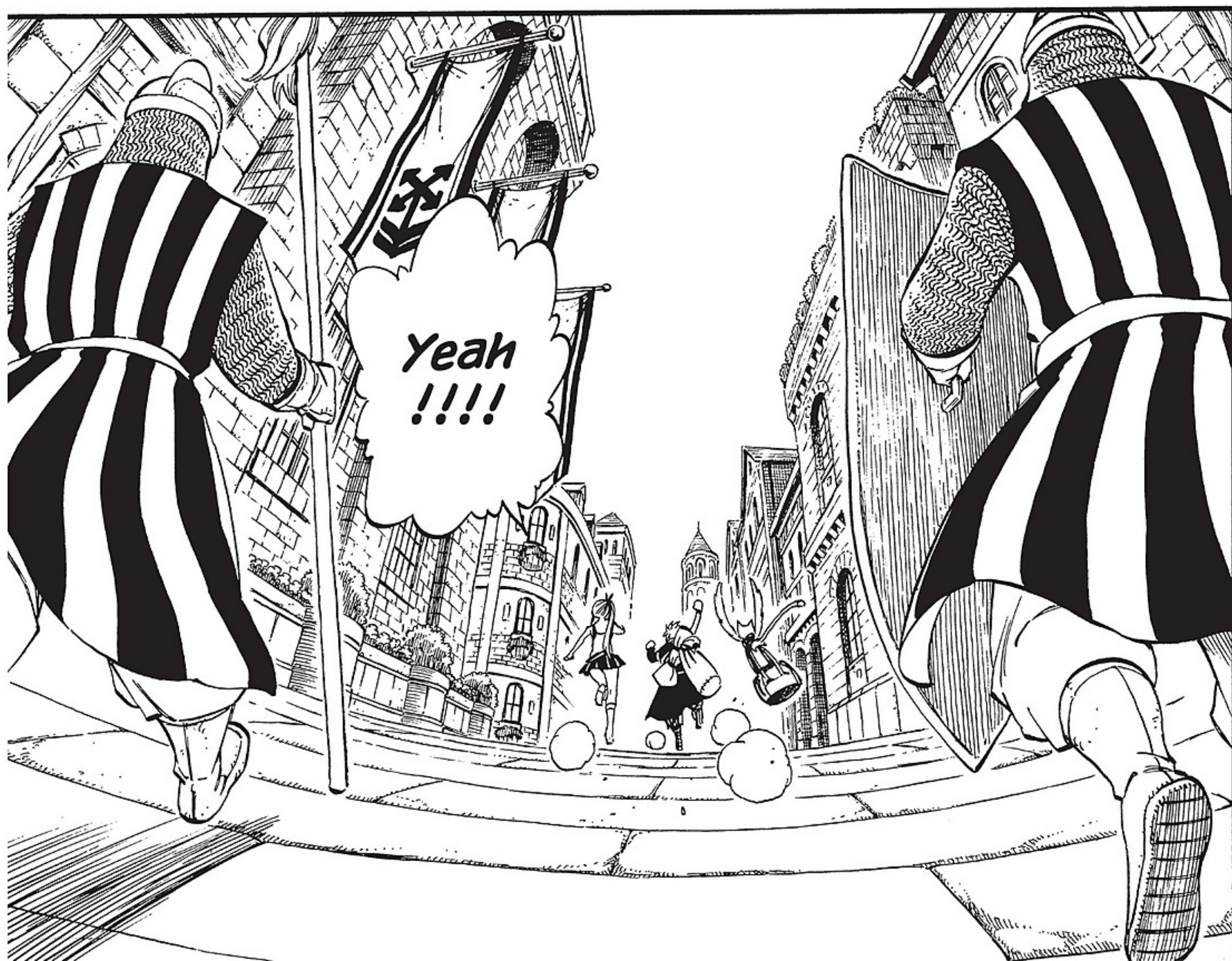
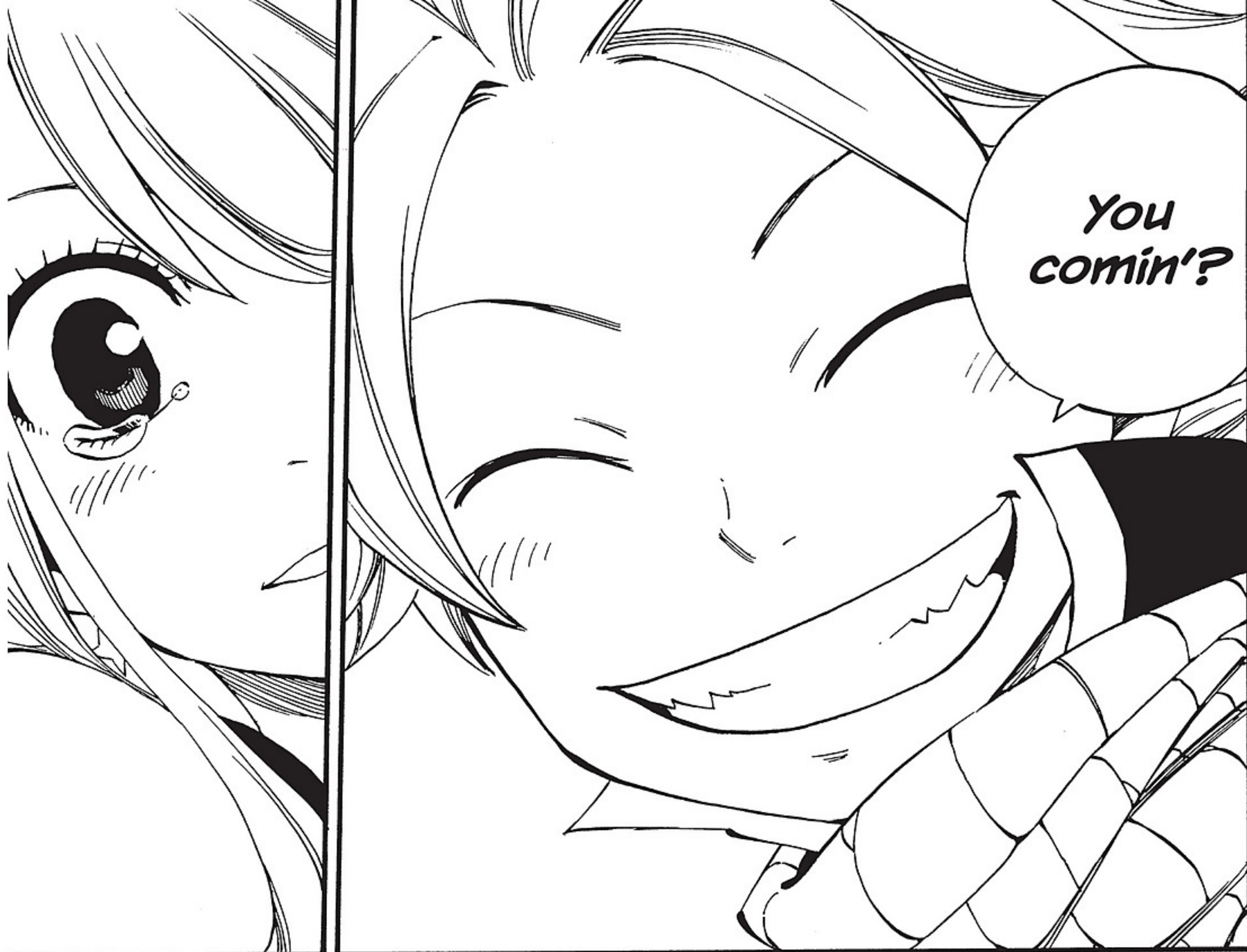
Should
we just
charge in,
Captain?

This
place
here.









And that's
how...

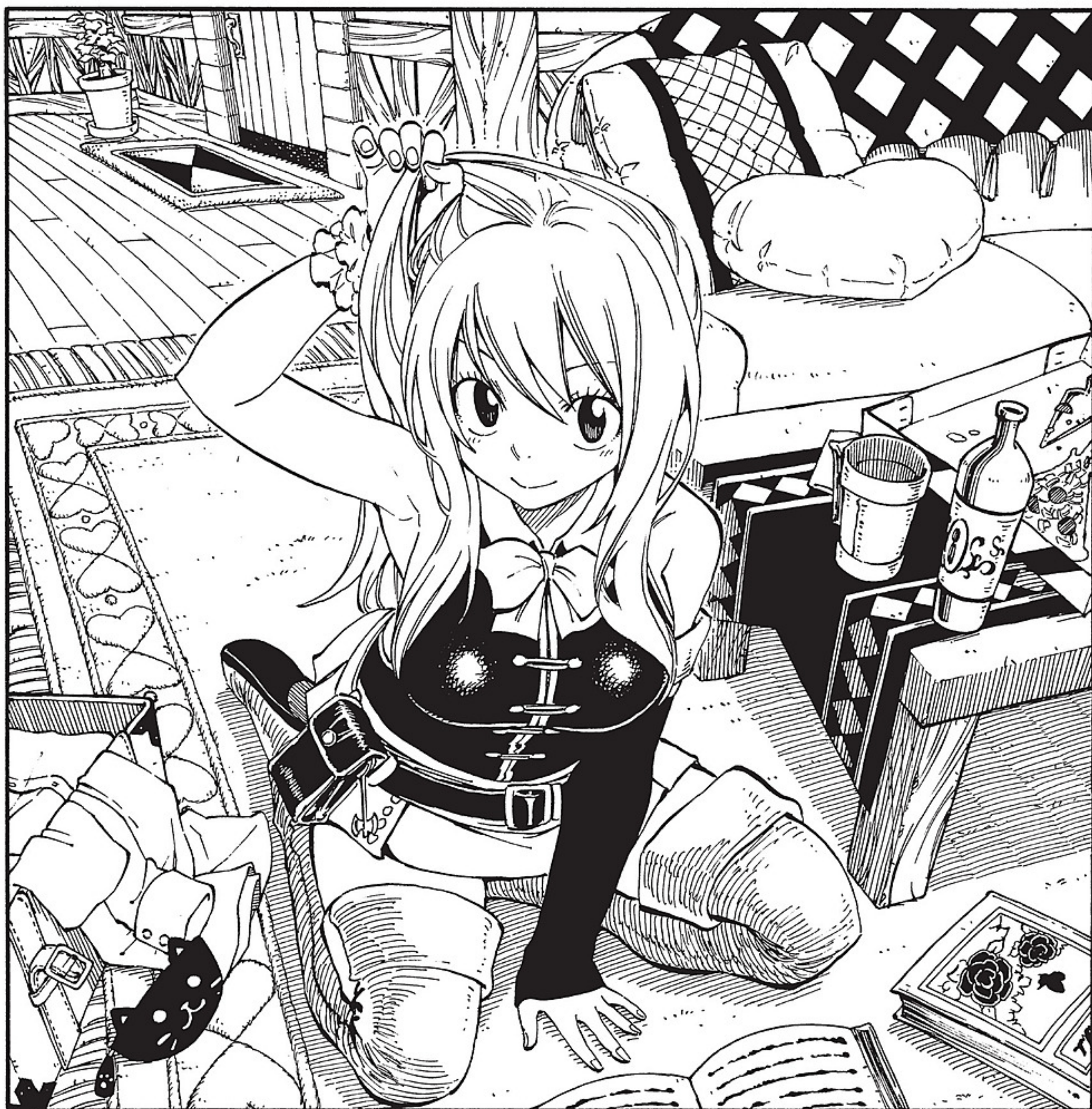
...our
newest
adventure
began!!



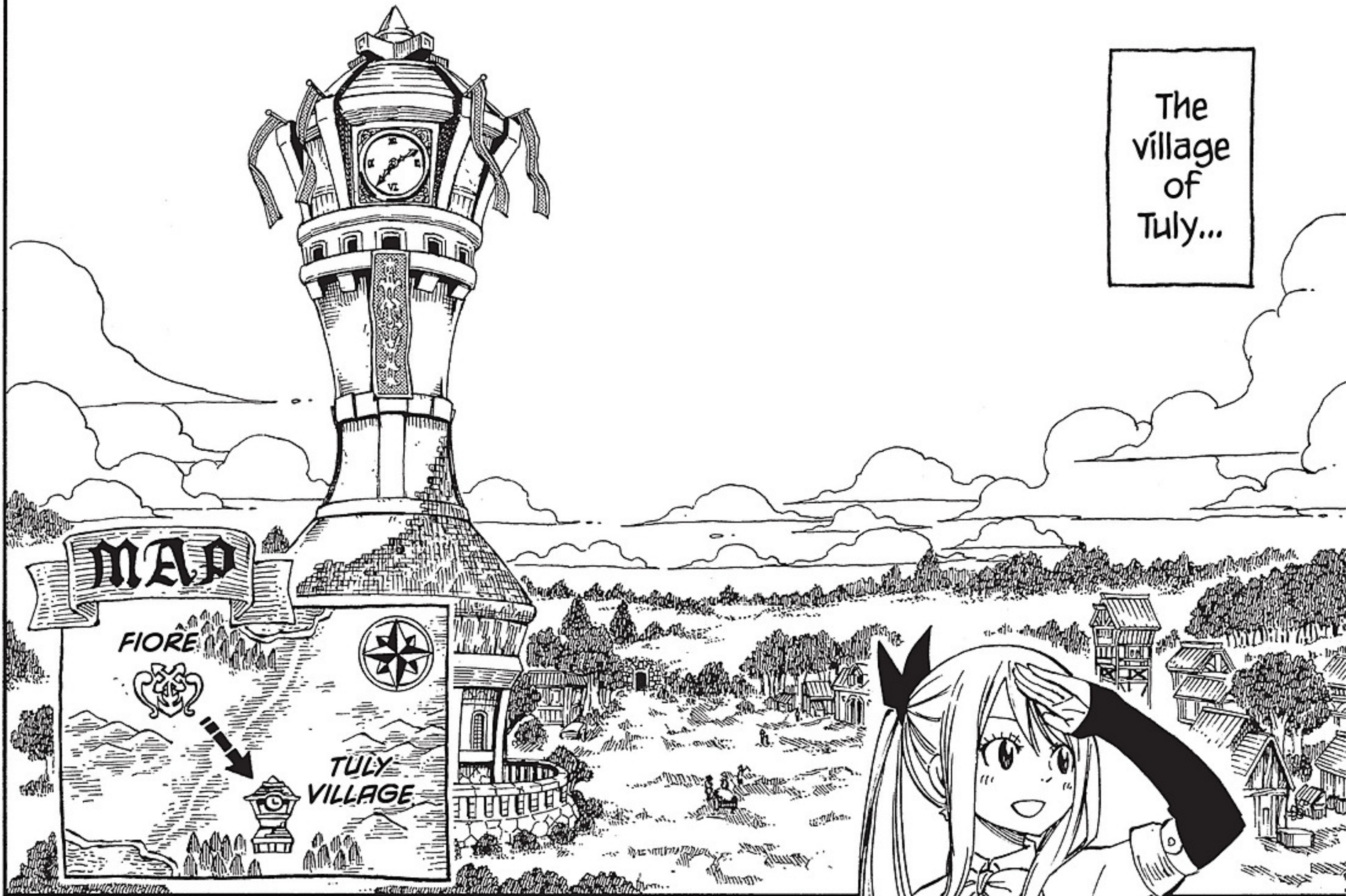
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Chapter 420: Lamia Scale's Thanksgiving Day



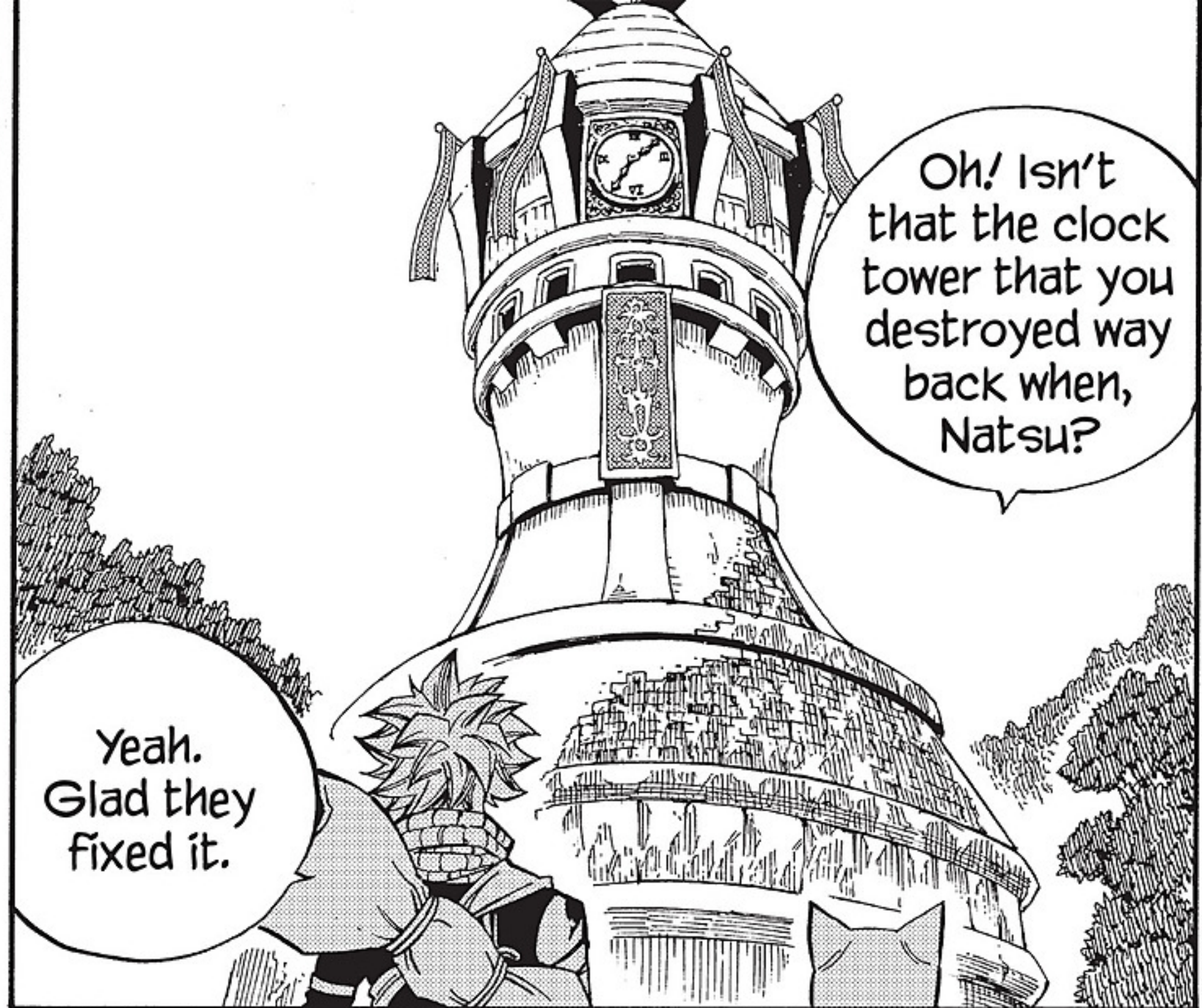
The village of Tuly...





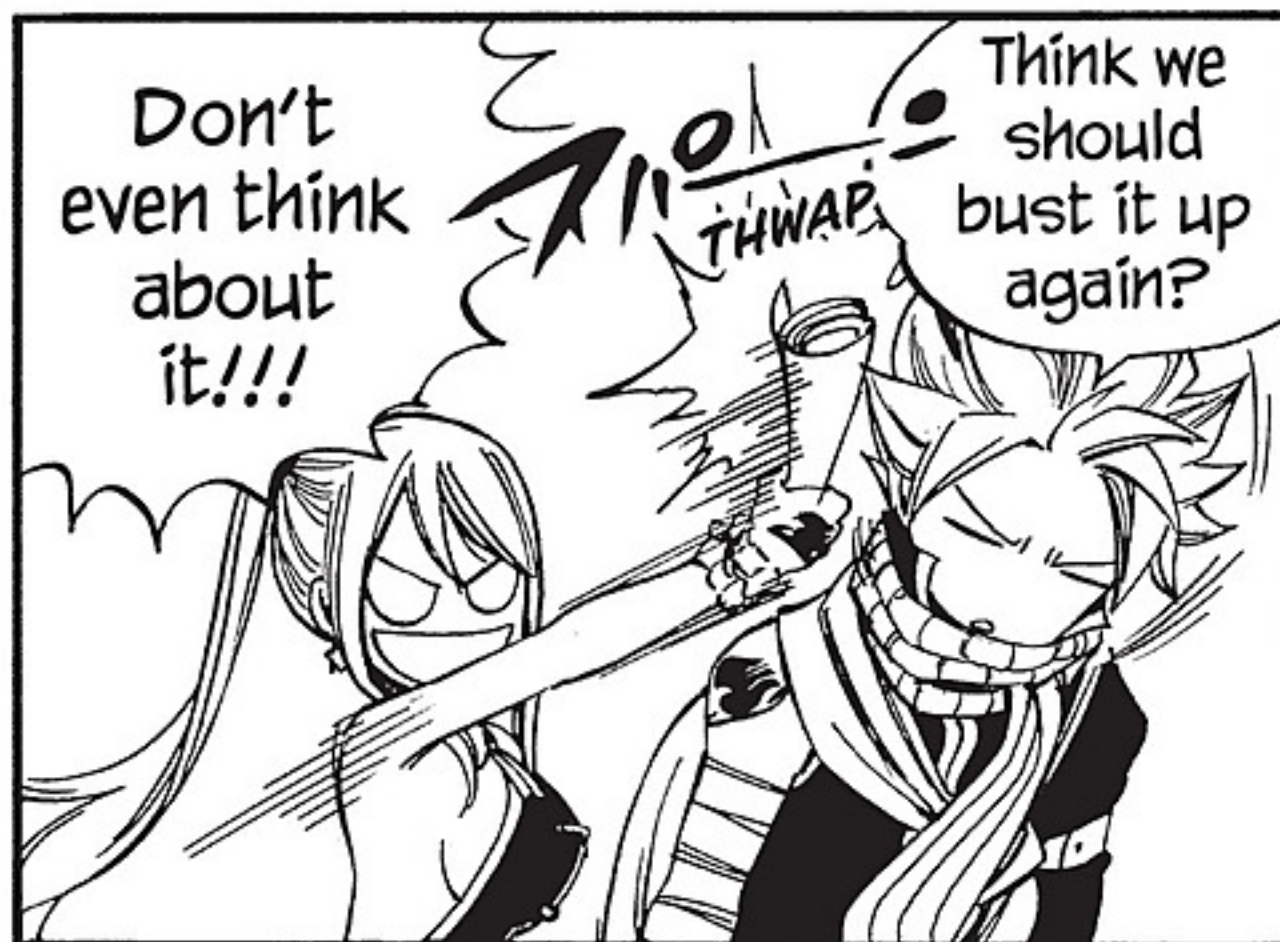
But it kind of makes a weird boundary marker, huh?

Yeah.



Yeah.
Glad they fixed it.

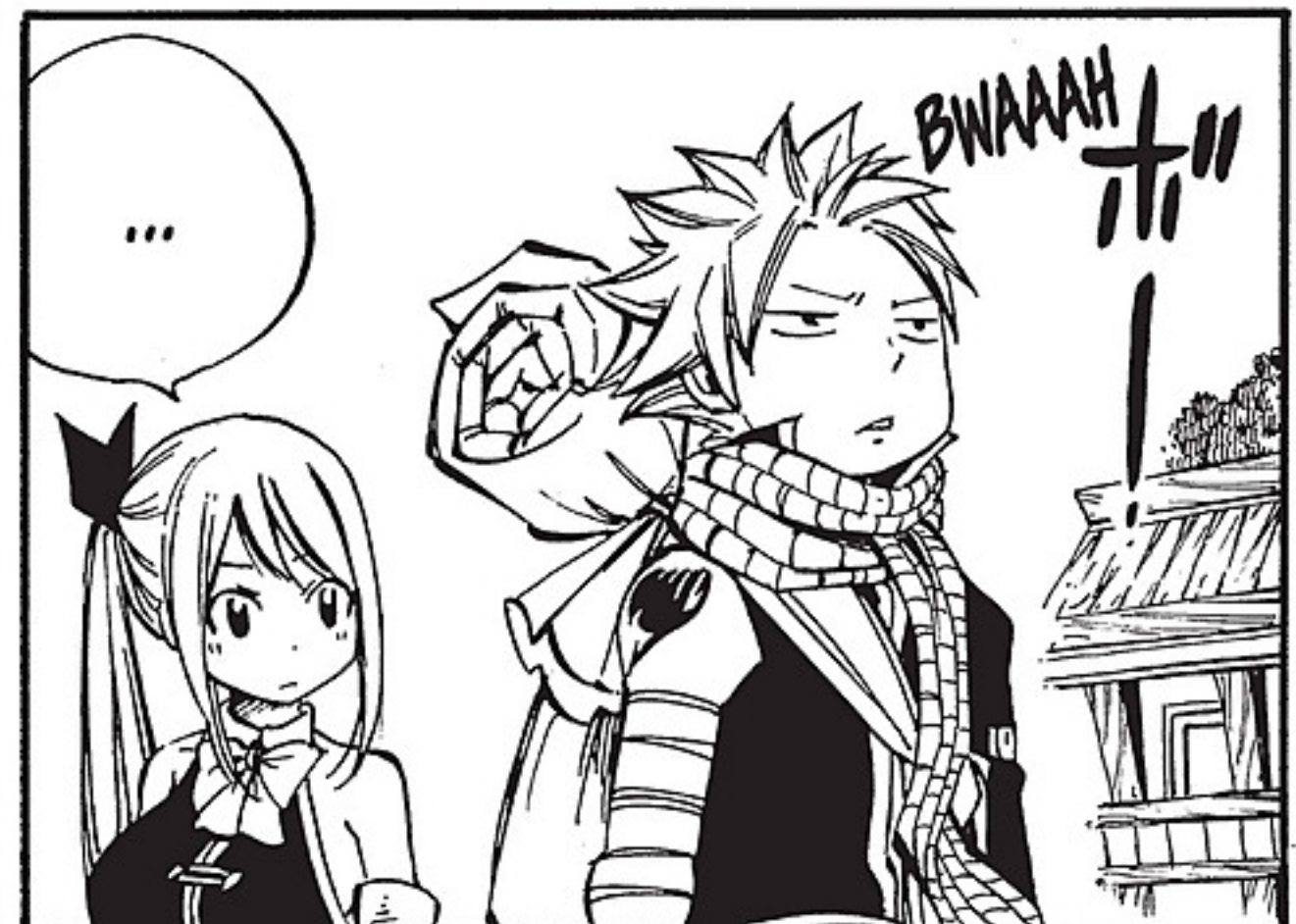
Oh! Isn't that the clock tower that you destroyed way back when, Natsu?



Don't even think about it!!!

Think we should bust it up again?

THWAP



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BWAAAH



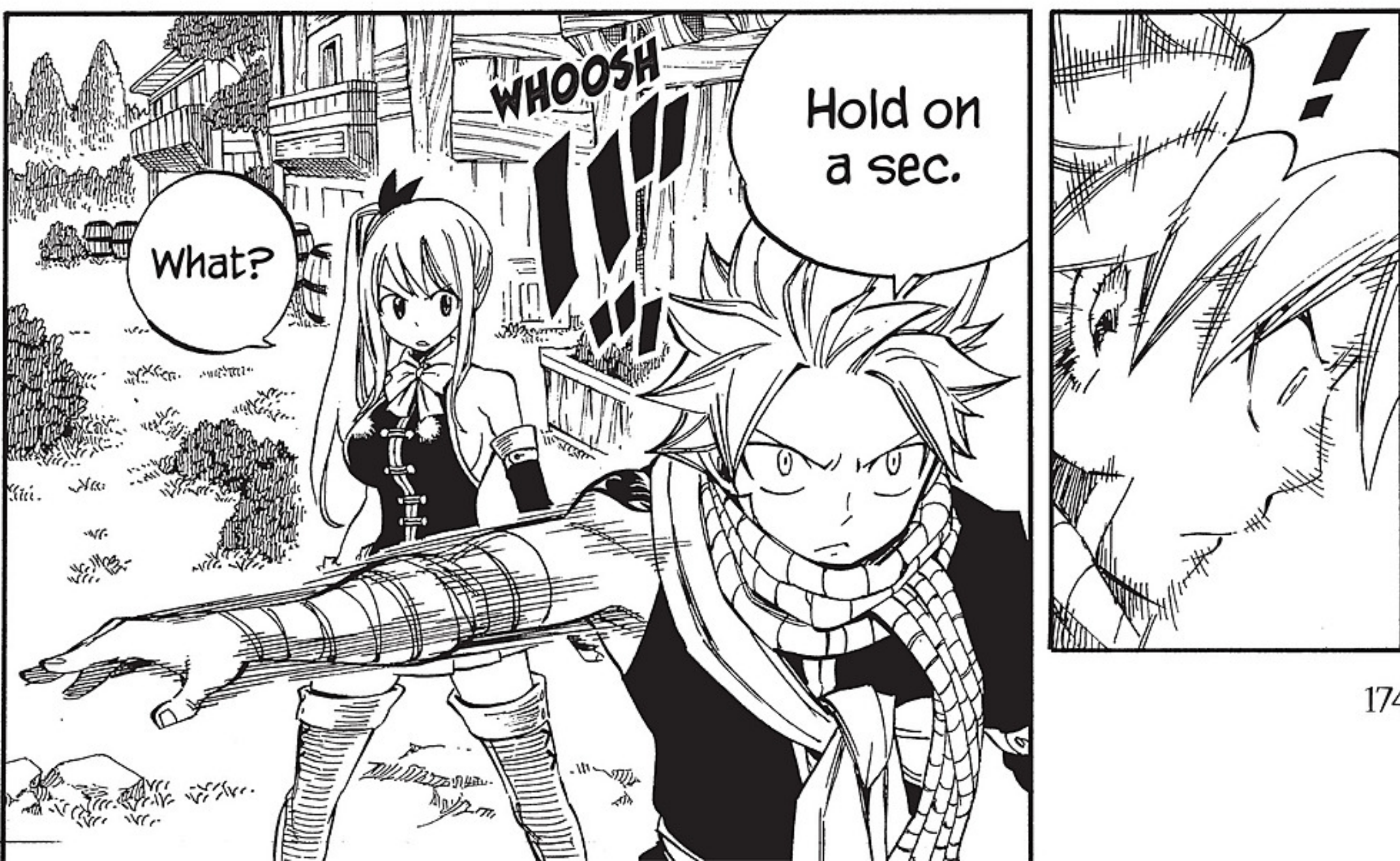
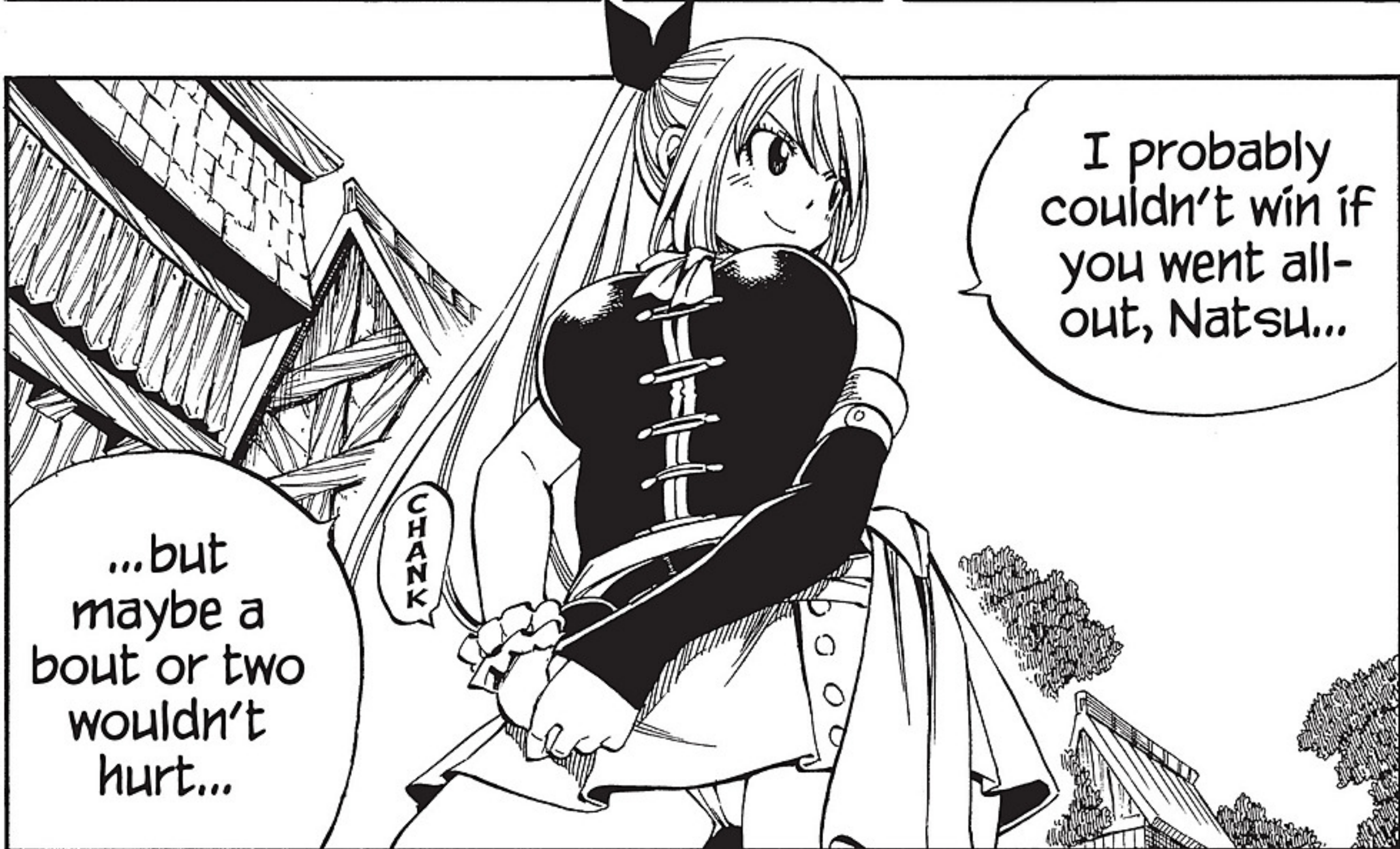
I didn't get to do any of the other stuff I planned, either! I was gonna punch Gray out first, then challenge Erza and Laxus!!!!

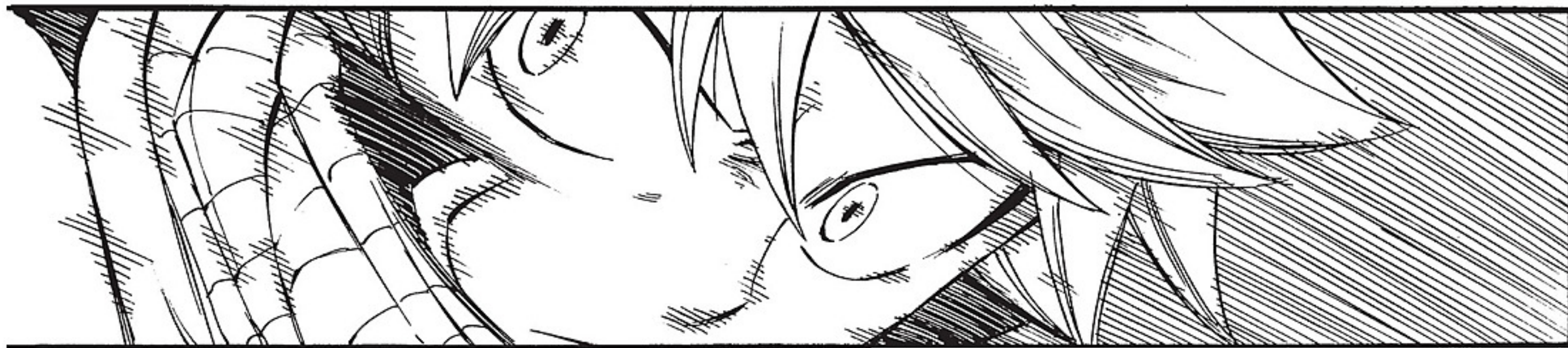
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SHUM

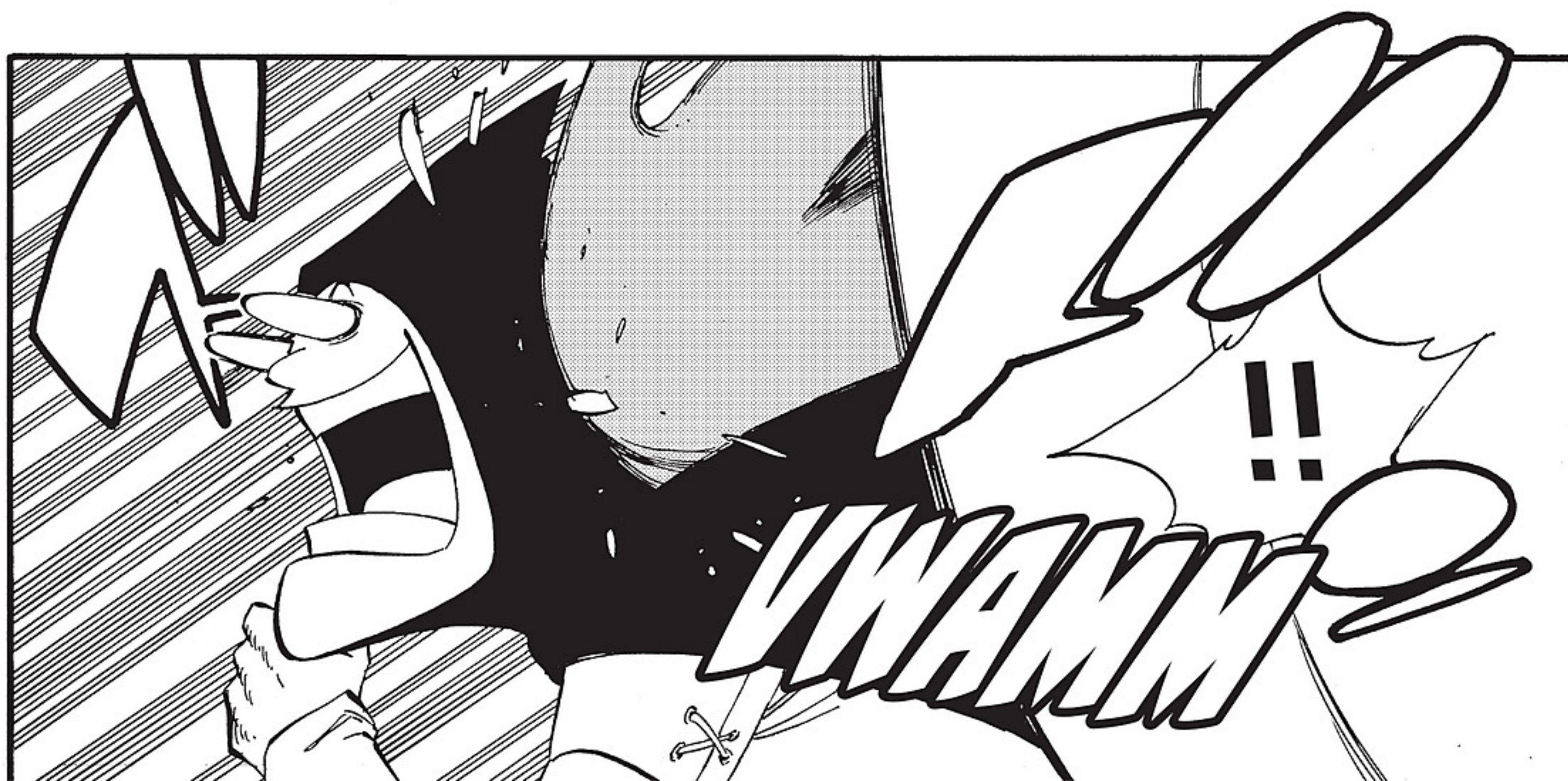
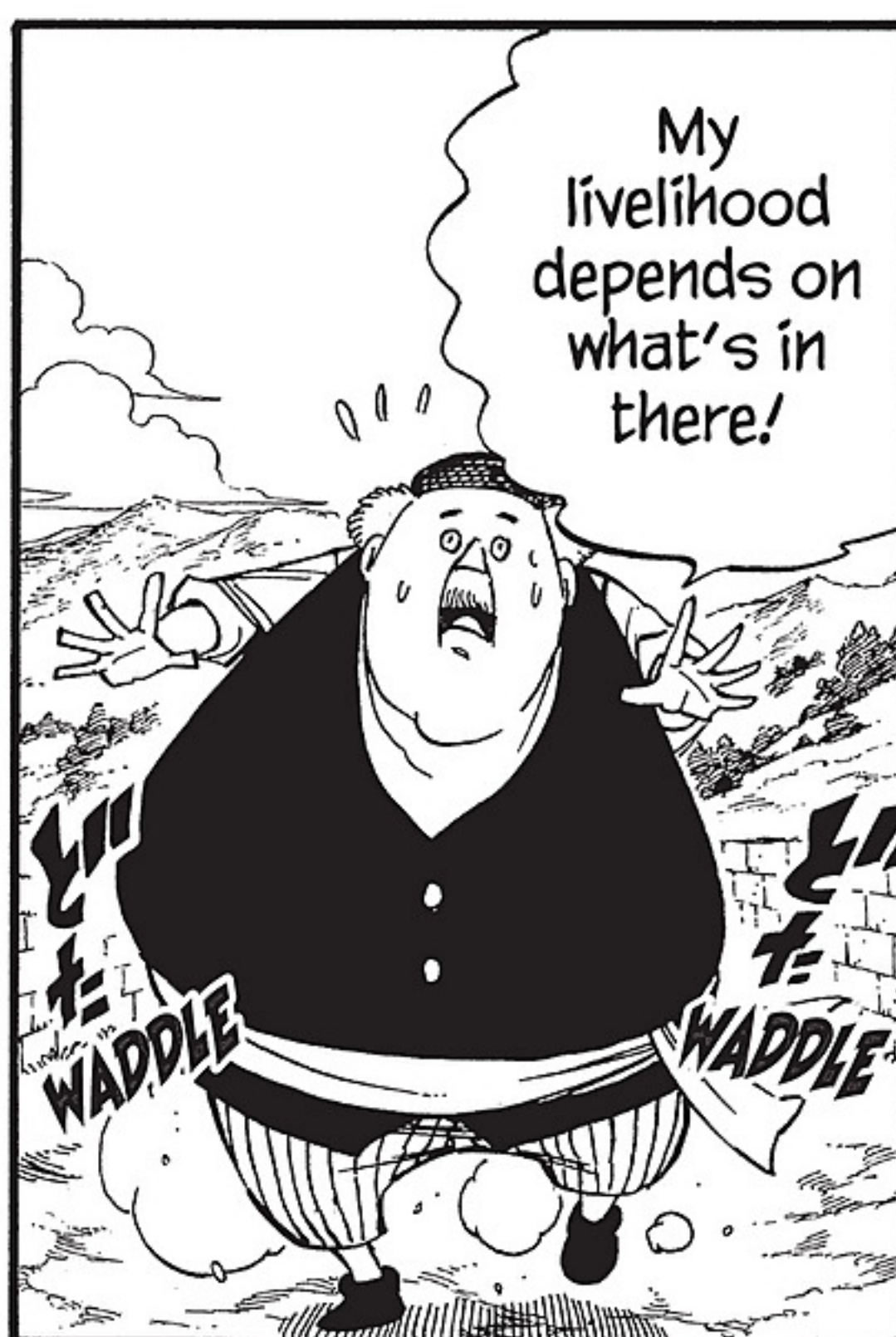


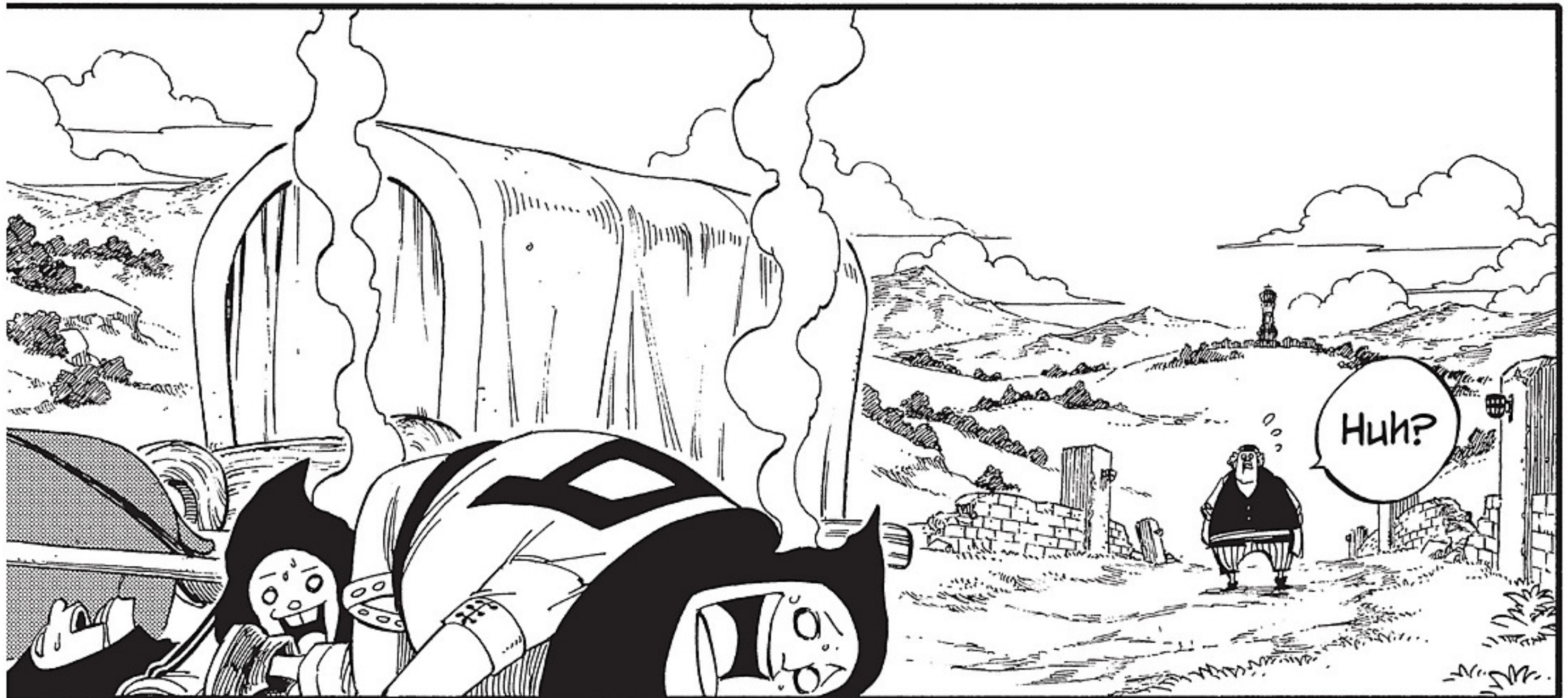
This is no fun!!! When am I gonna get to let loose and use all this strength I built up on my training journey?!!!

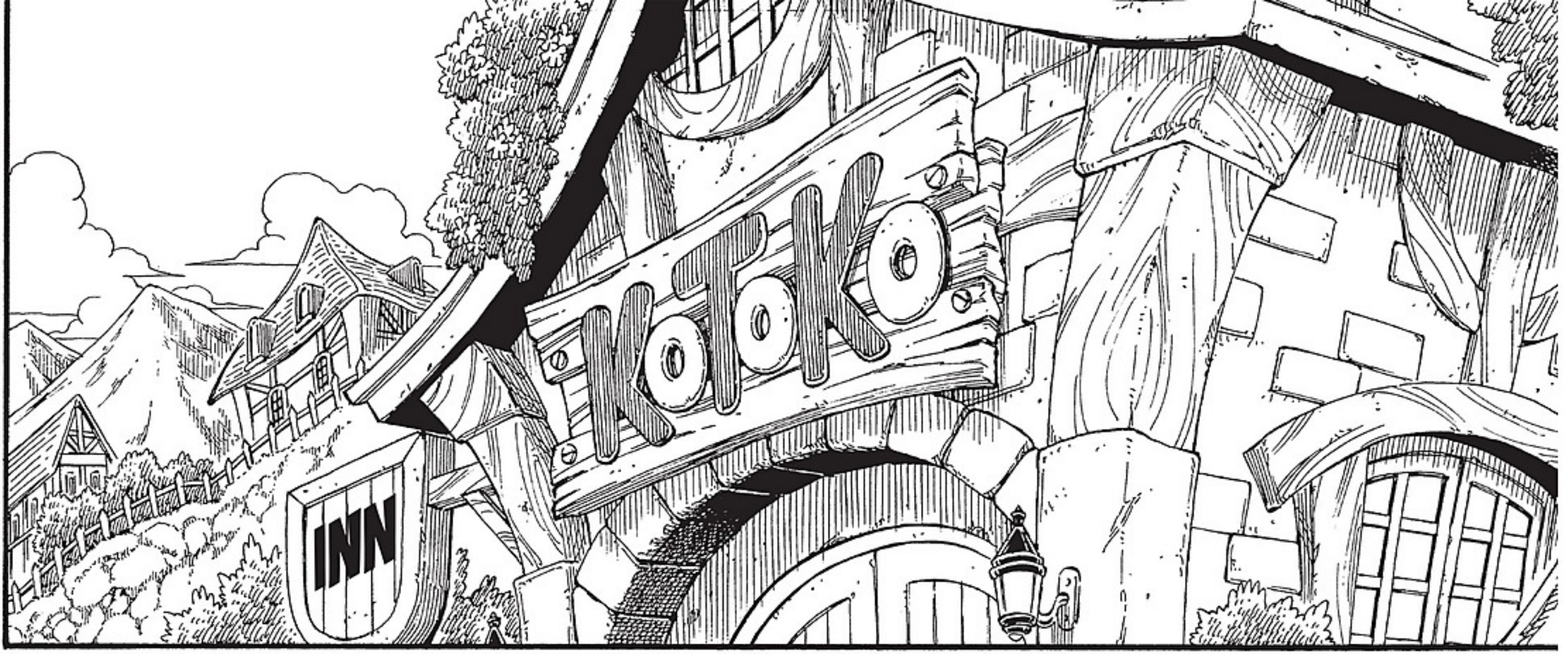
I don't get it!!
What was with that winning team at the Grand Magic Games?!
I didn't even break a sweat!!!











Of course I tried to check on everybody, but... some of them have been too hard to track down.



You *don't* know where everybody is?!

Whaa?!?



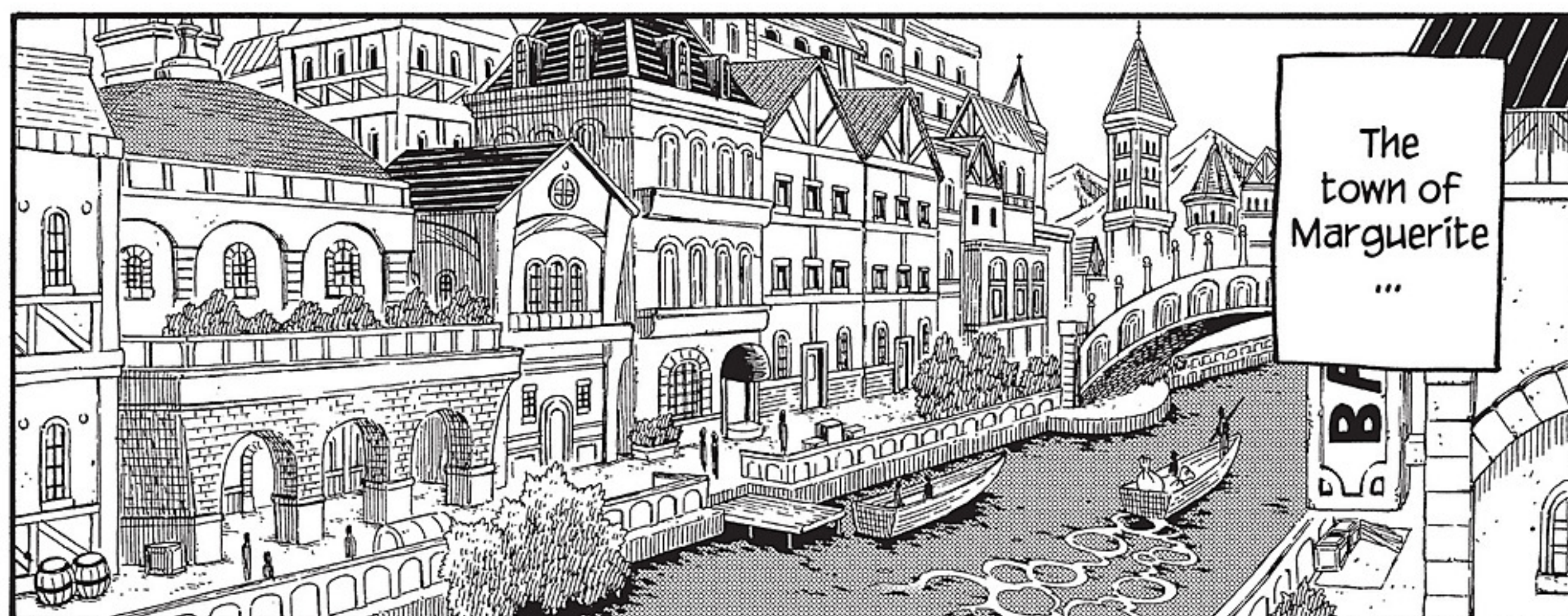
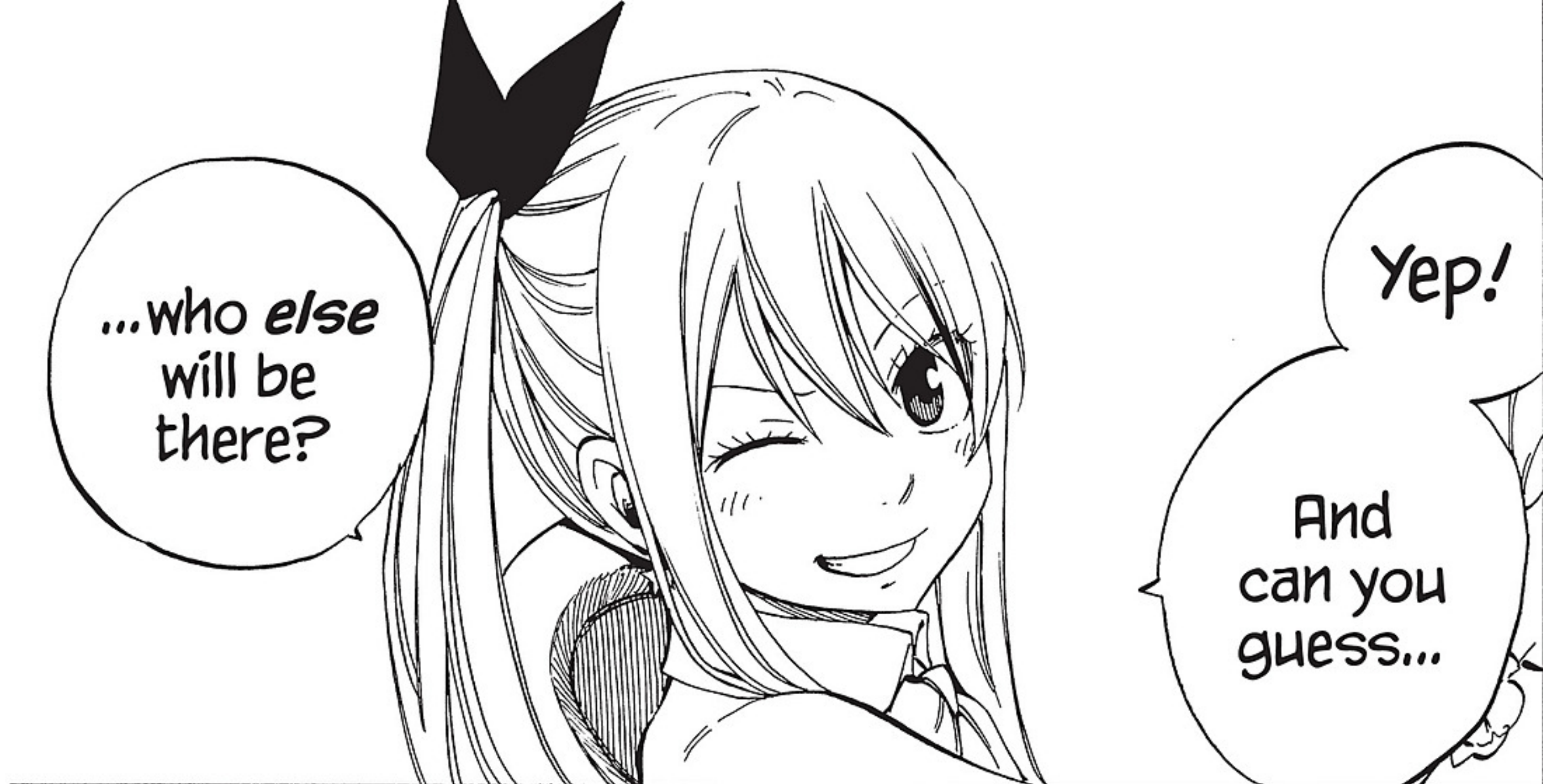
We're gonna see Lyon and Jura?!

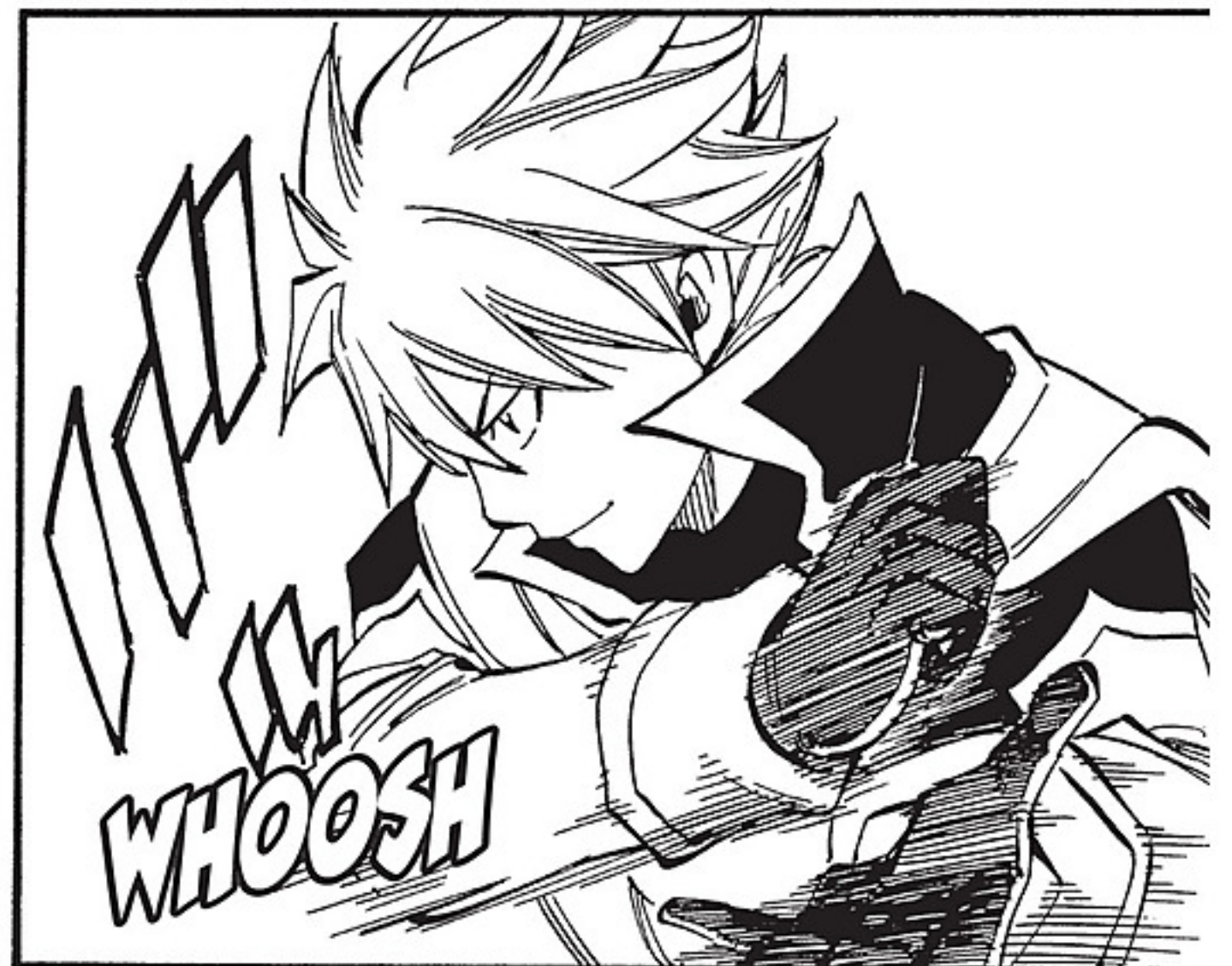
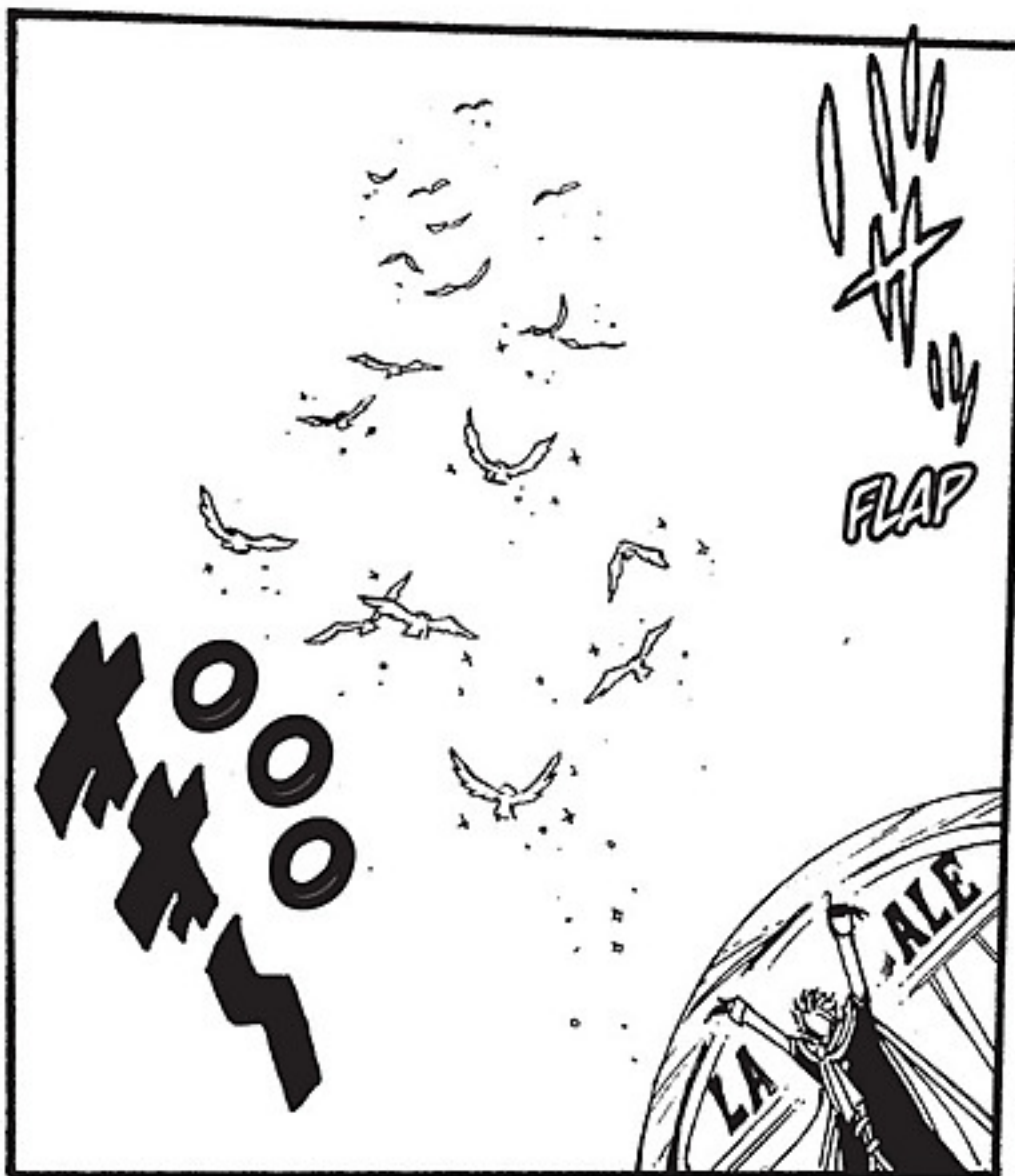
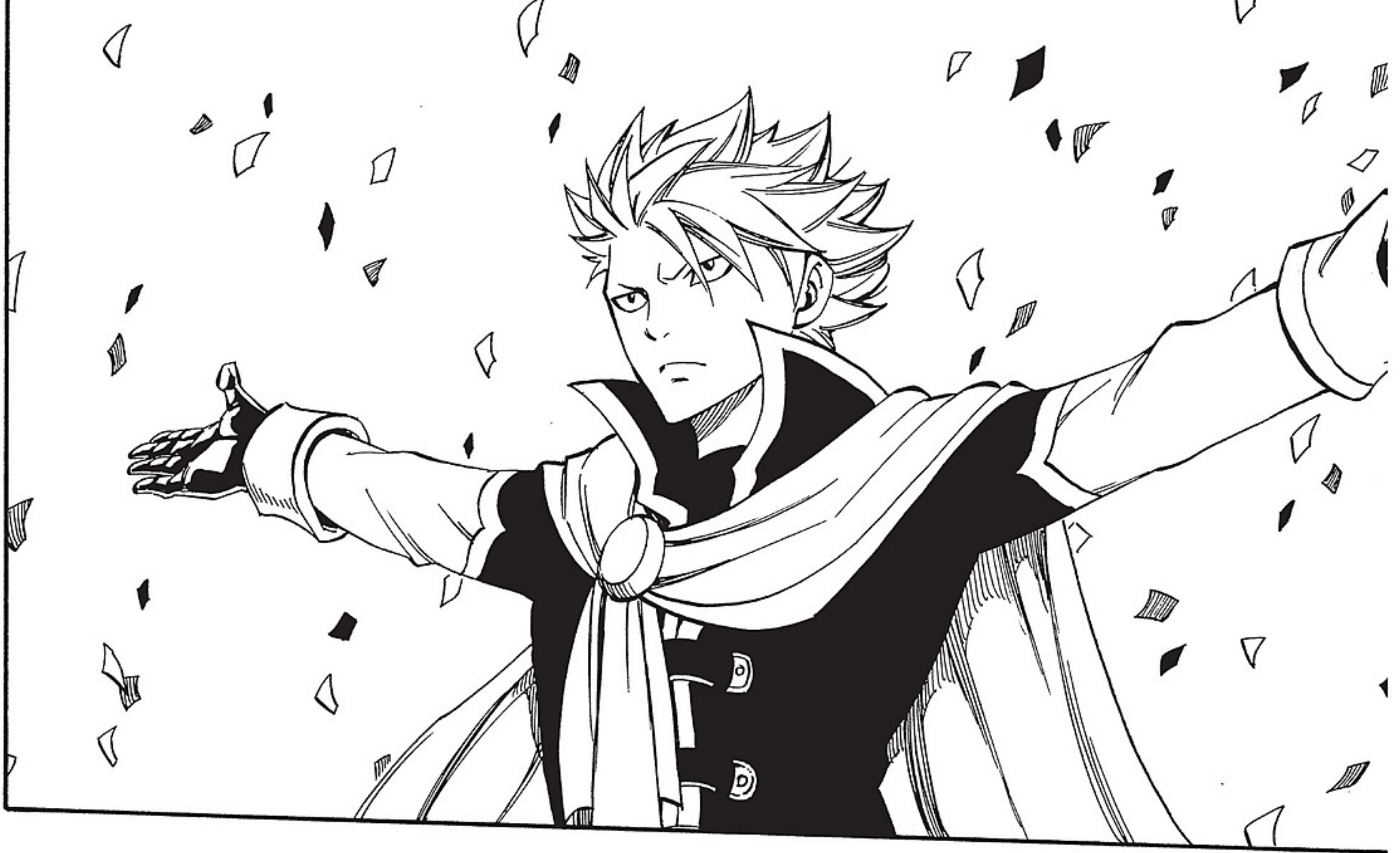
They'll be perfect for testing my strength!

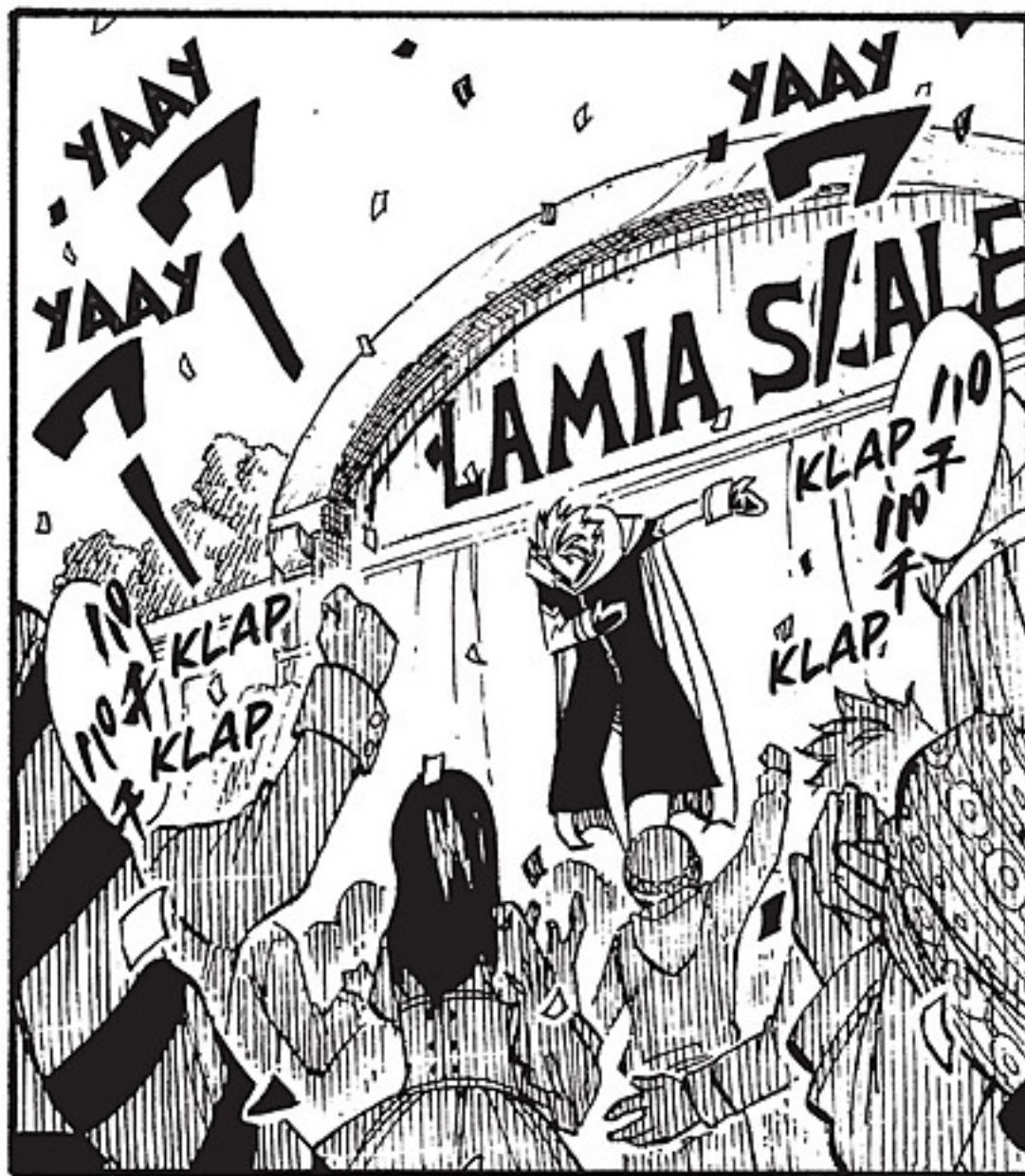
That dog-guy too!

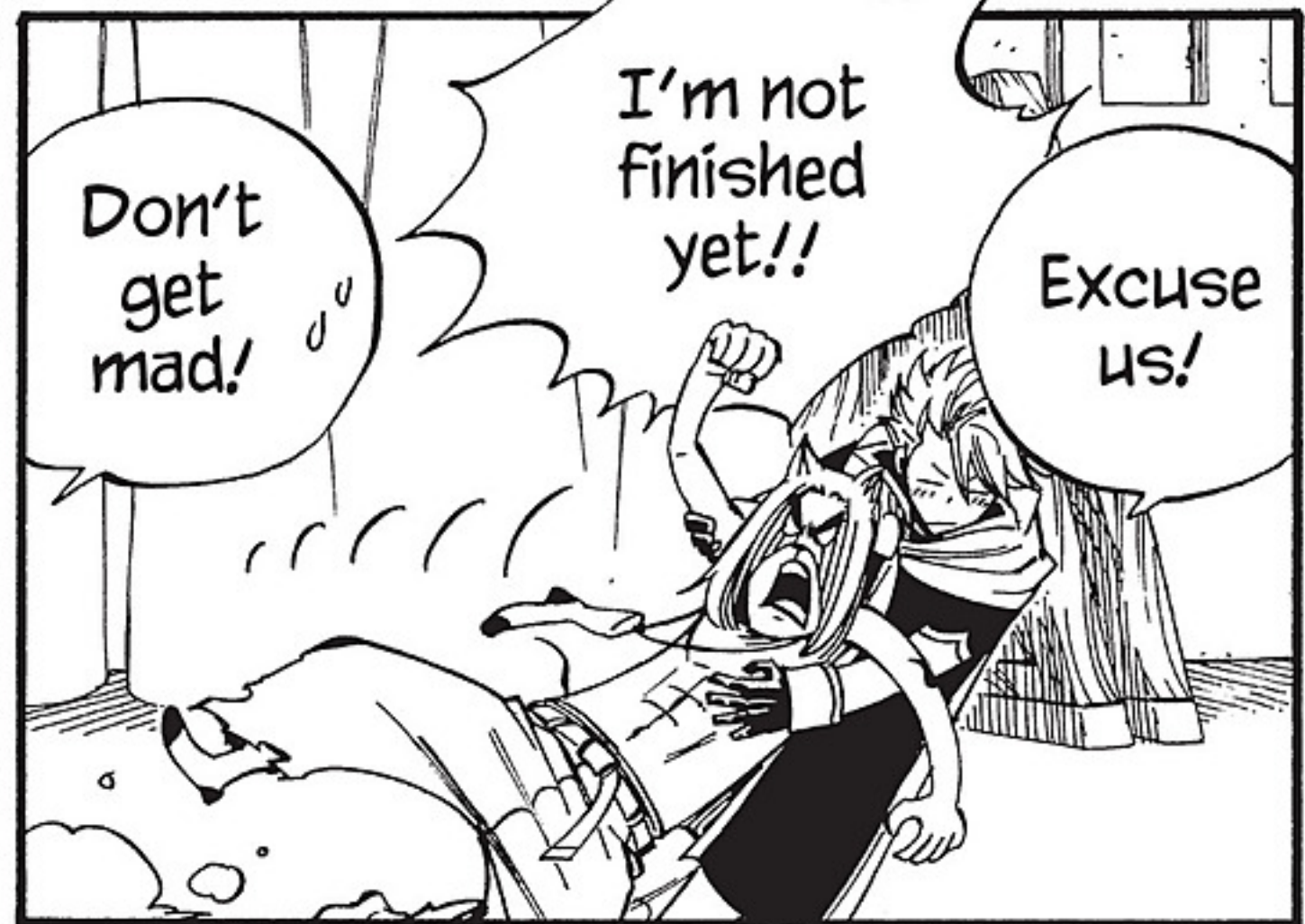
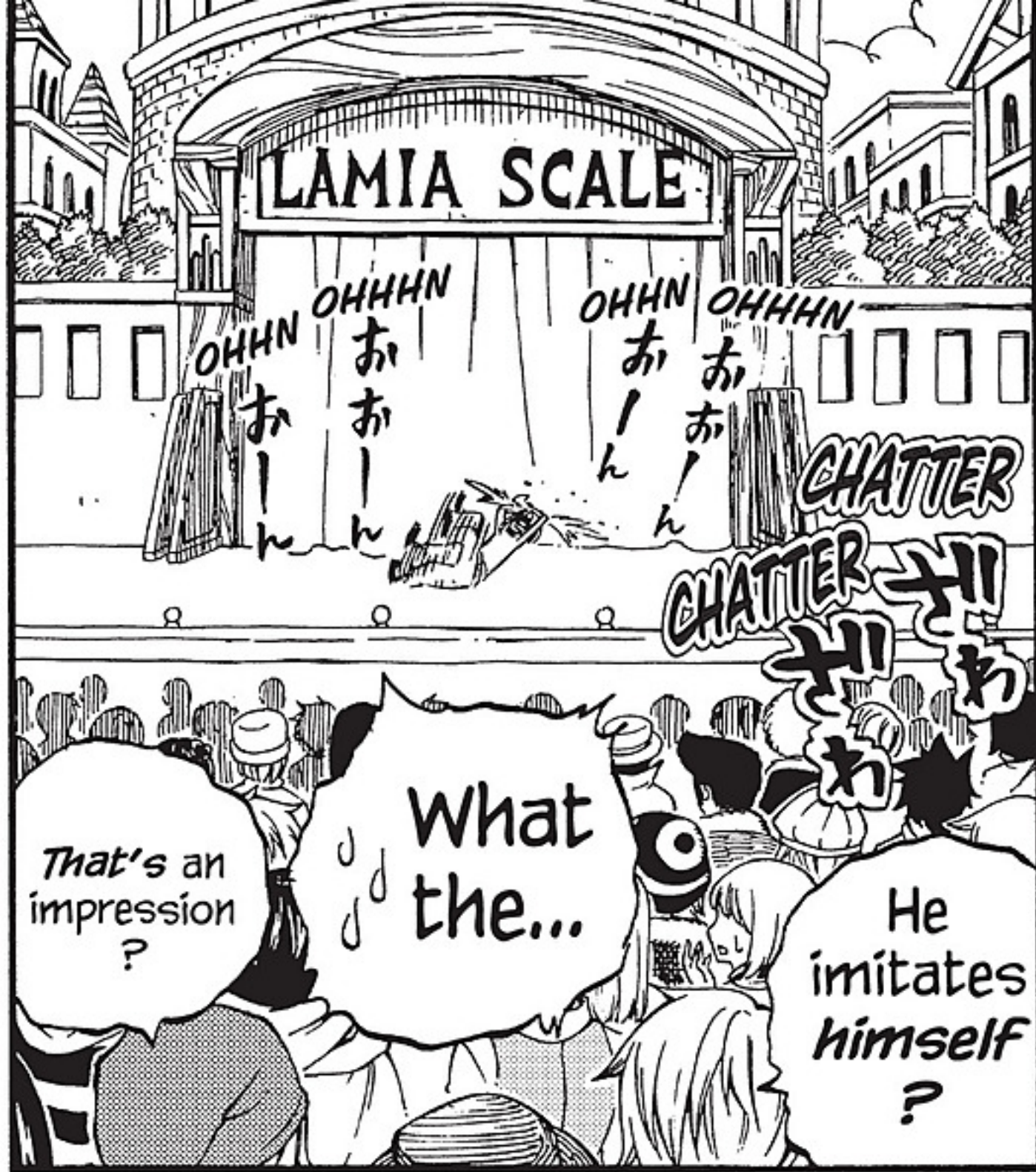
First, we go southeast to the town of Marguerite.

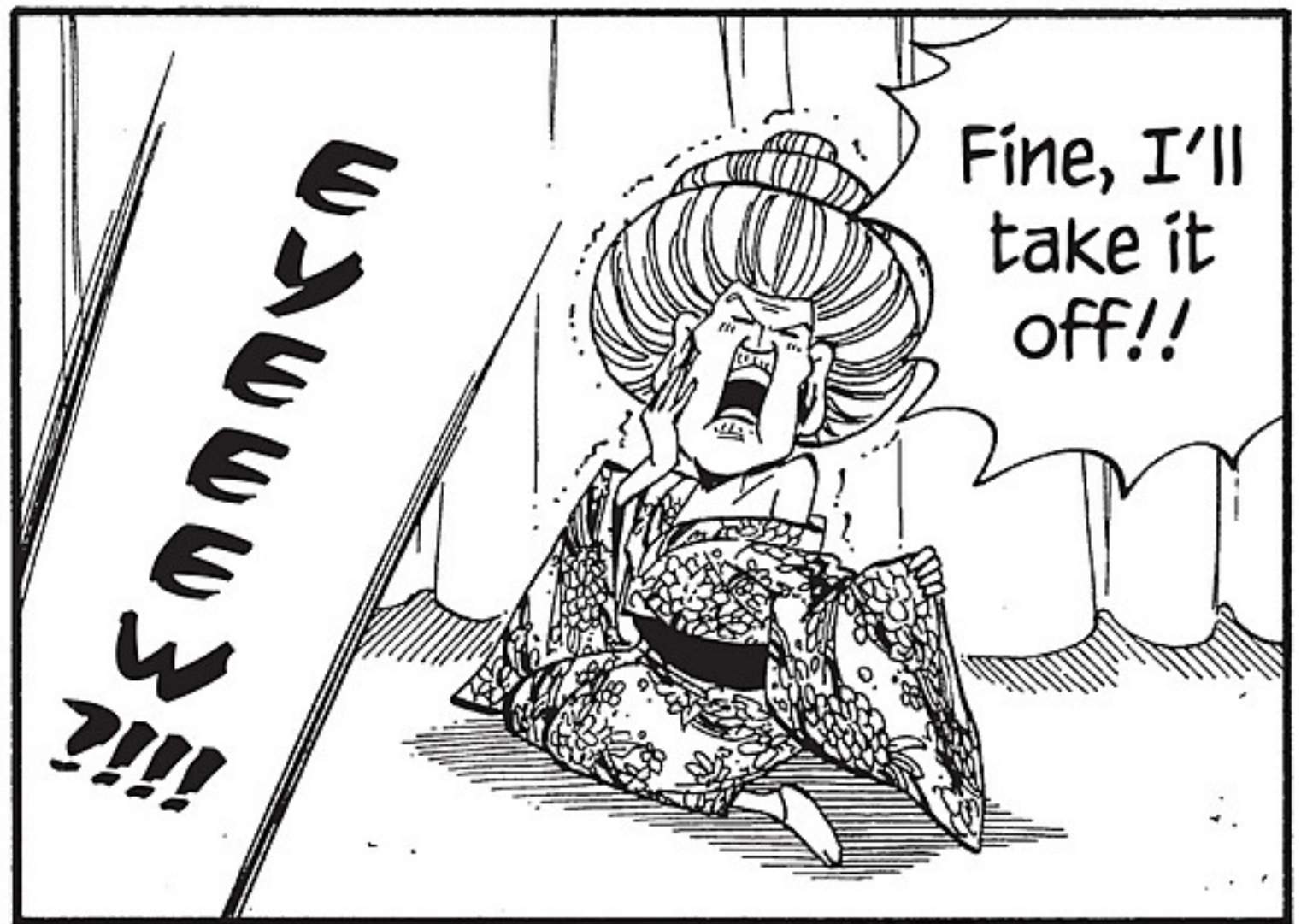
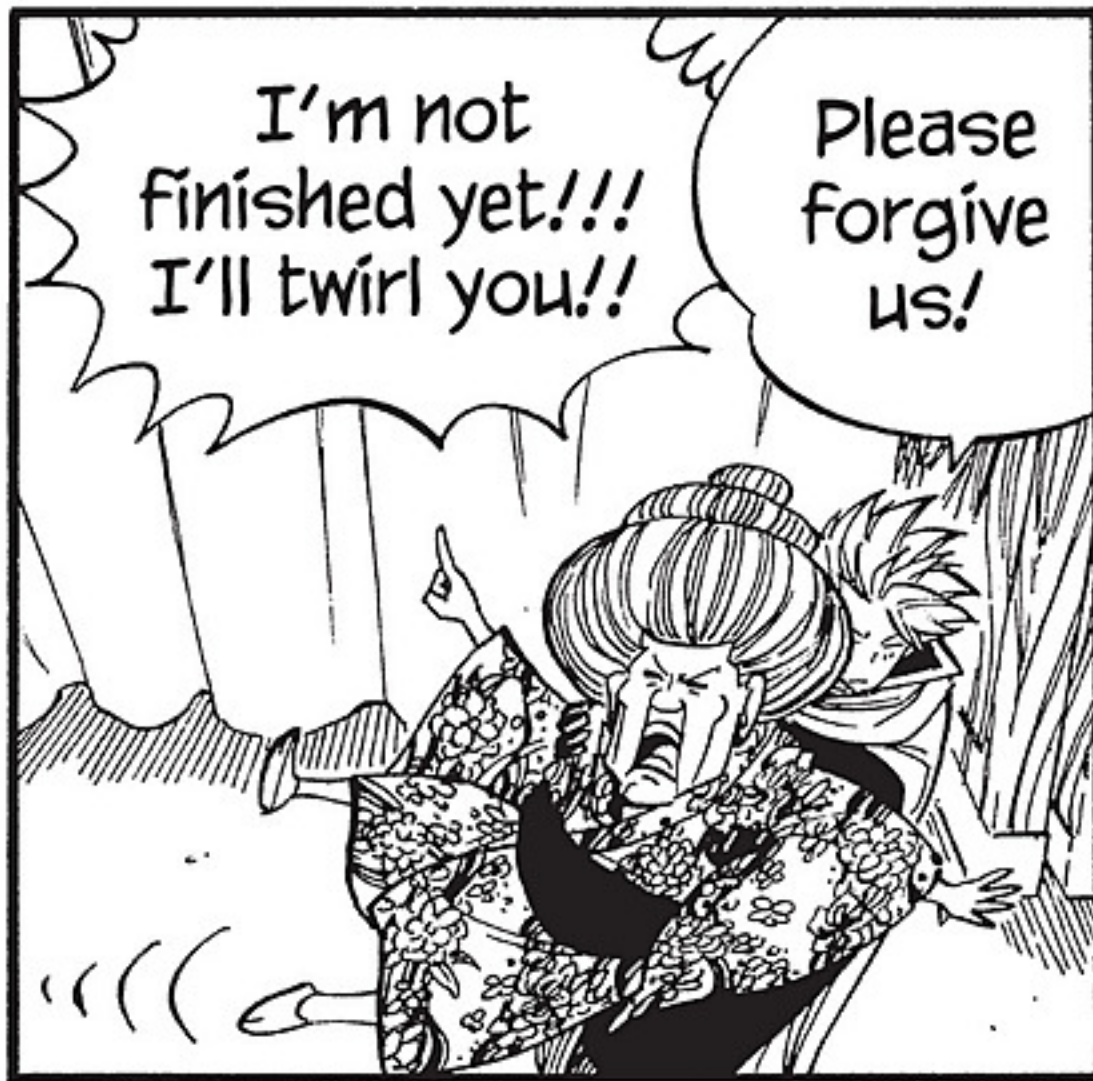
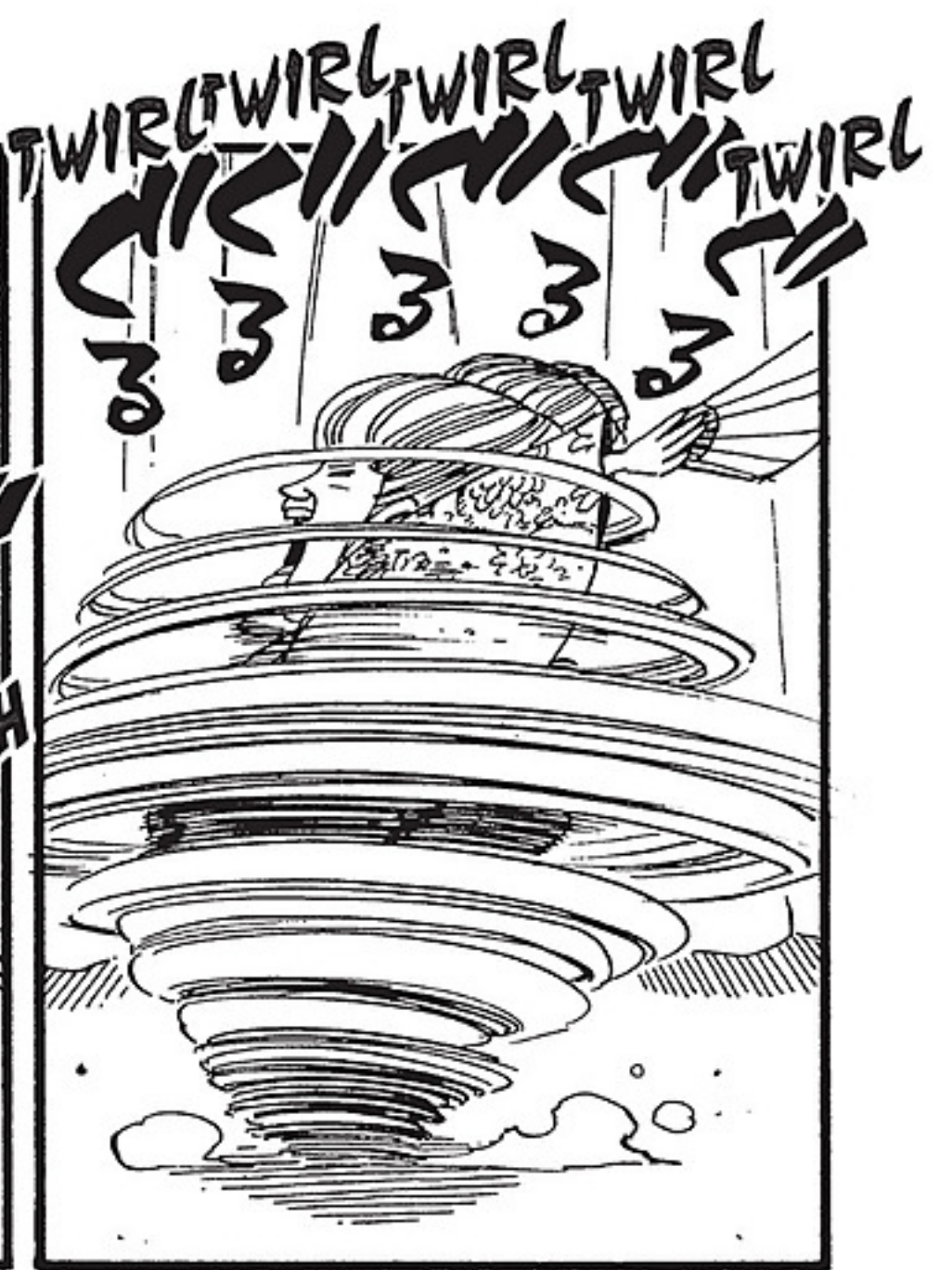
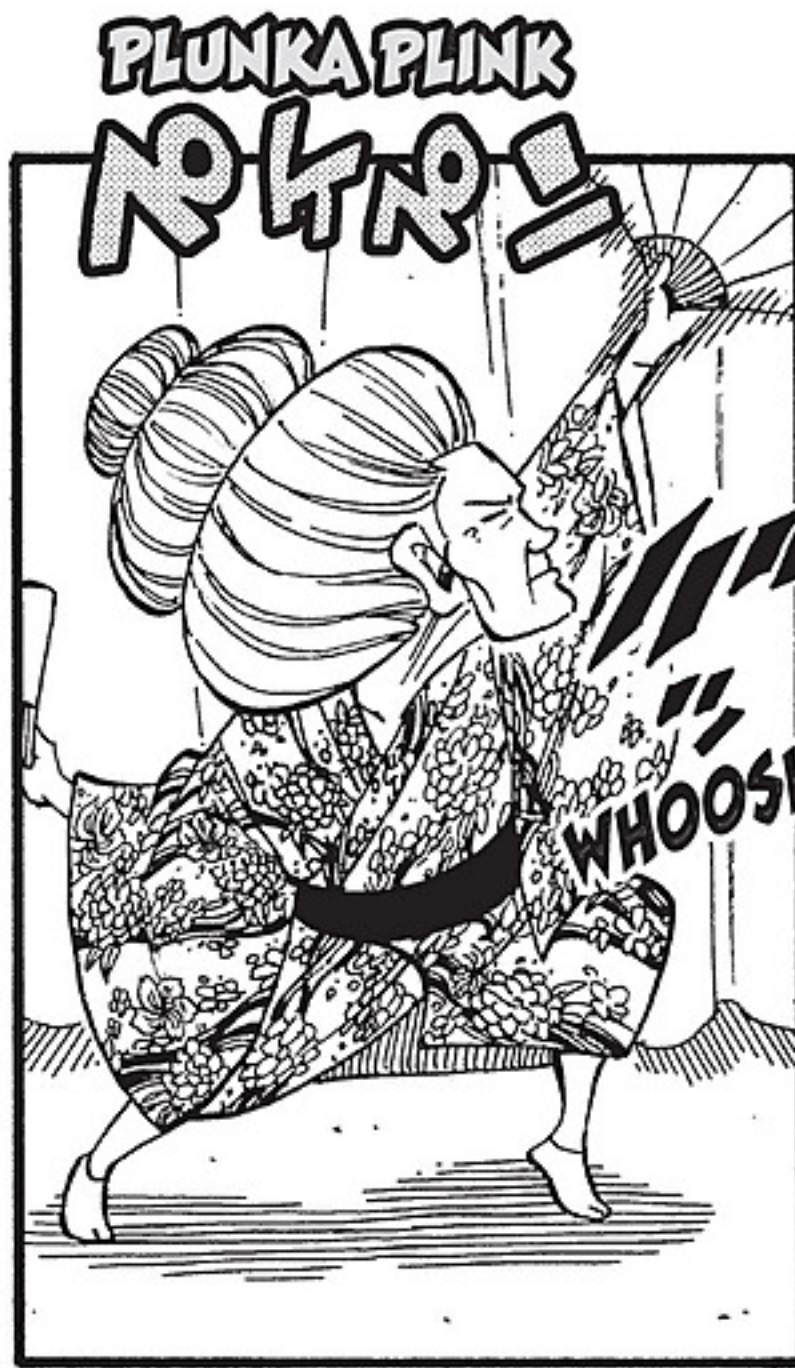
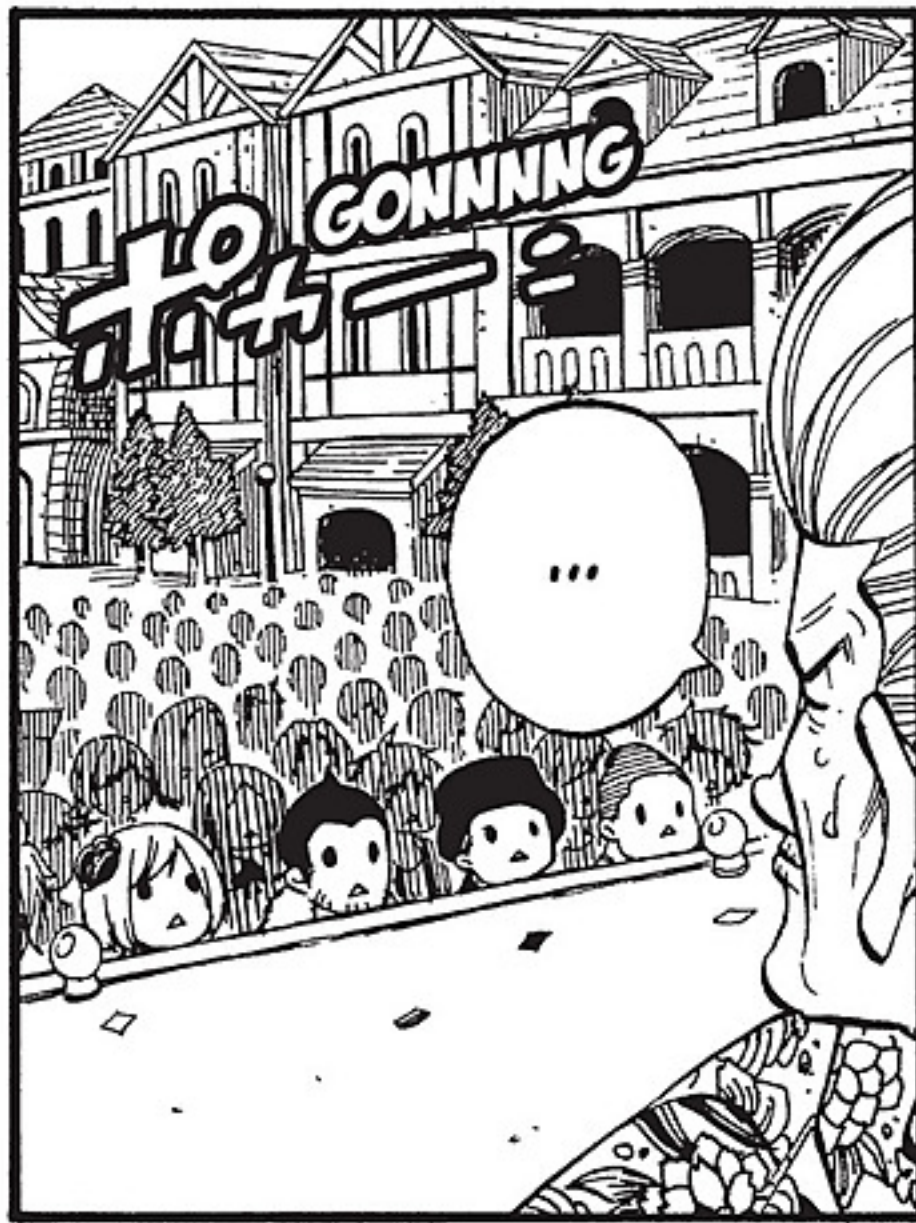
That's where Lamia Scale is.

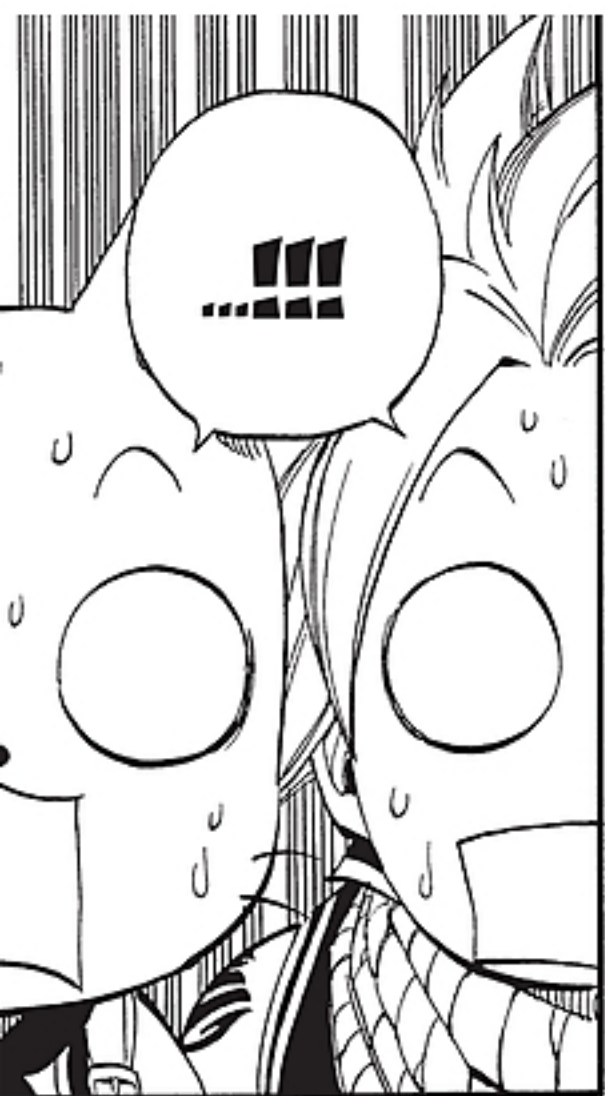


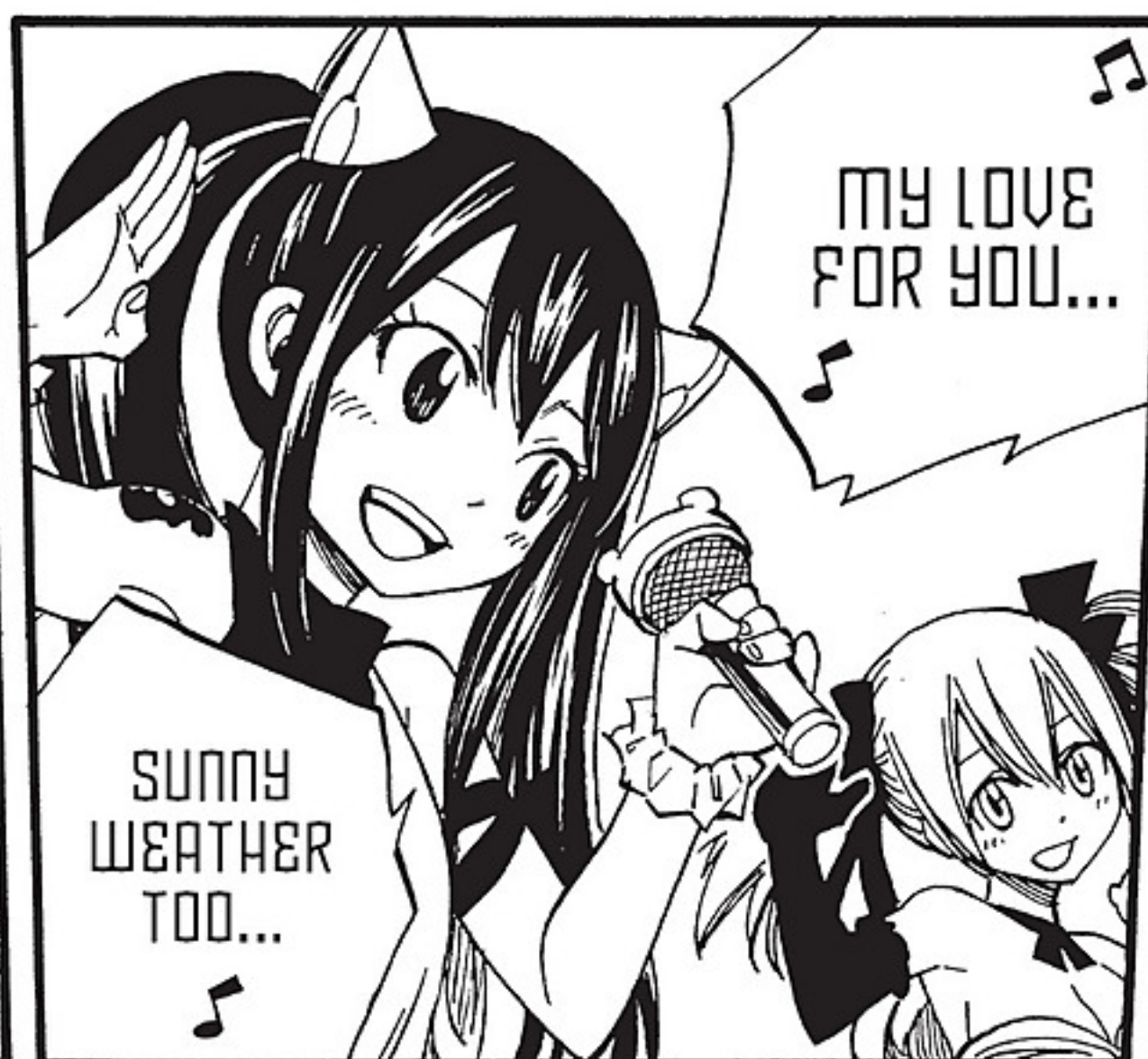


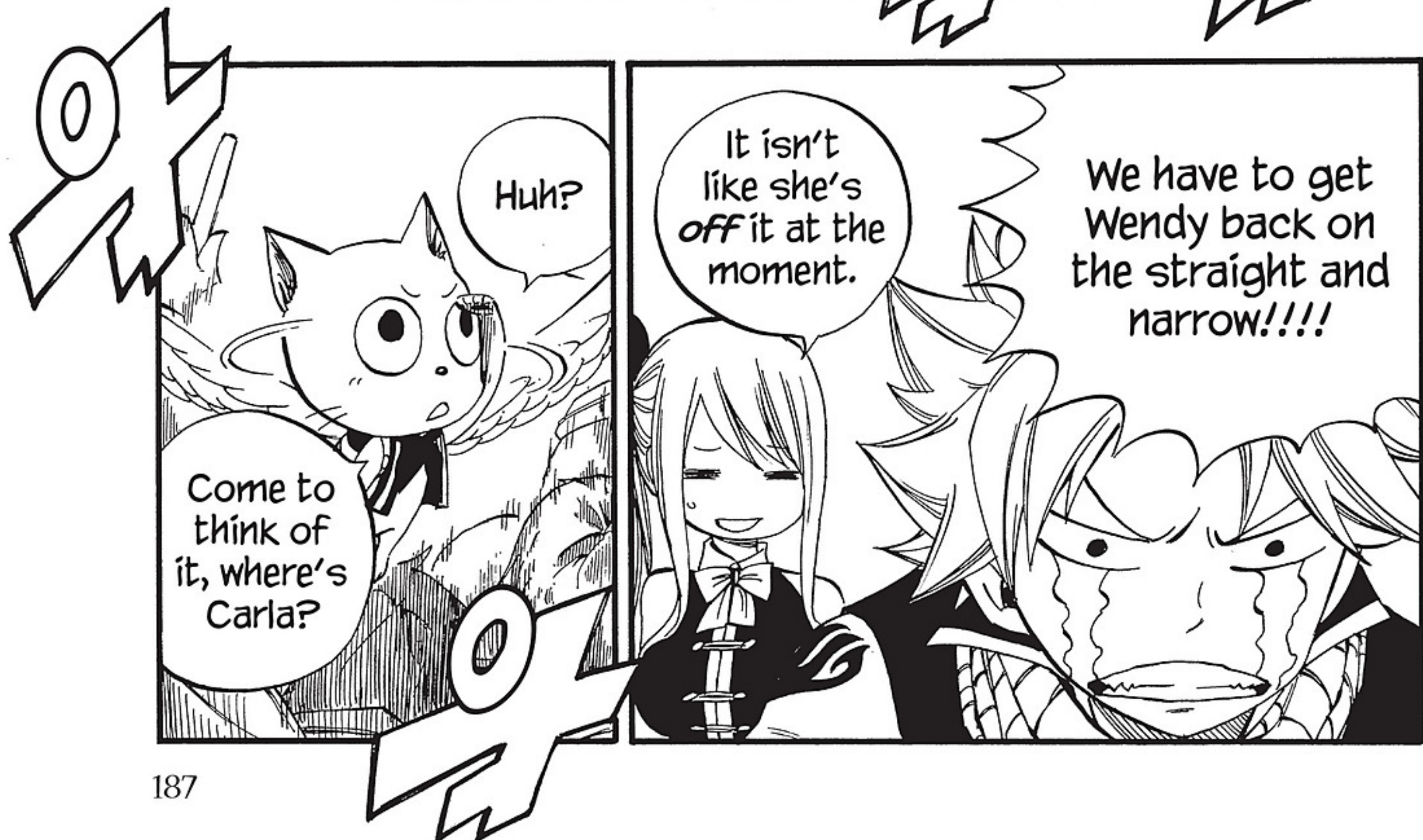
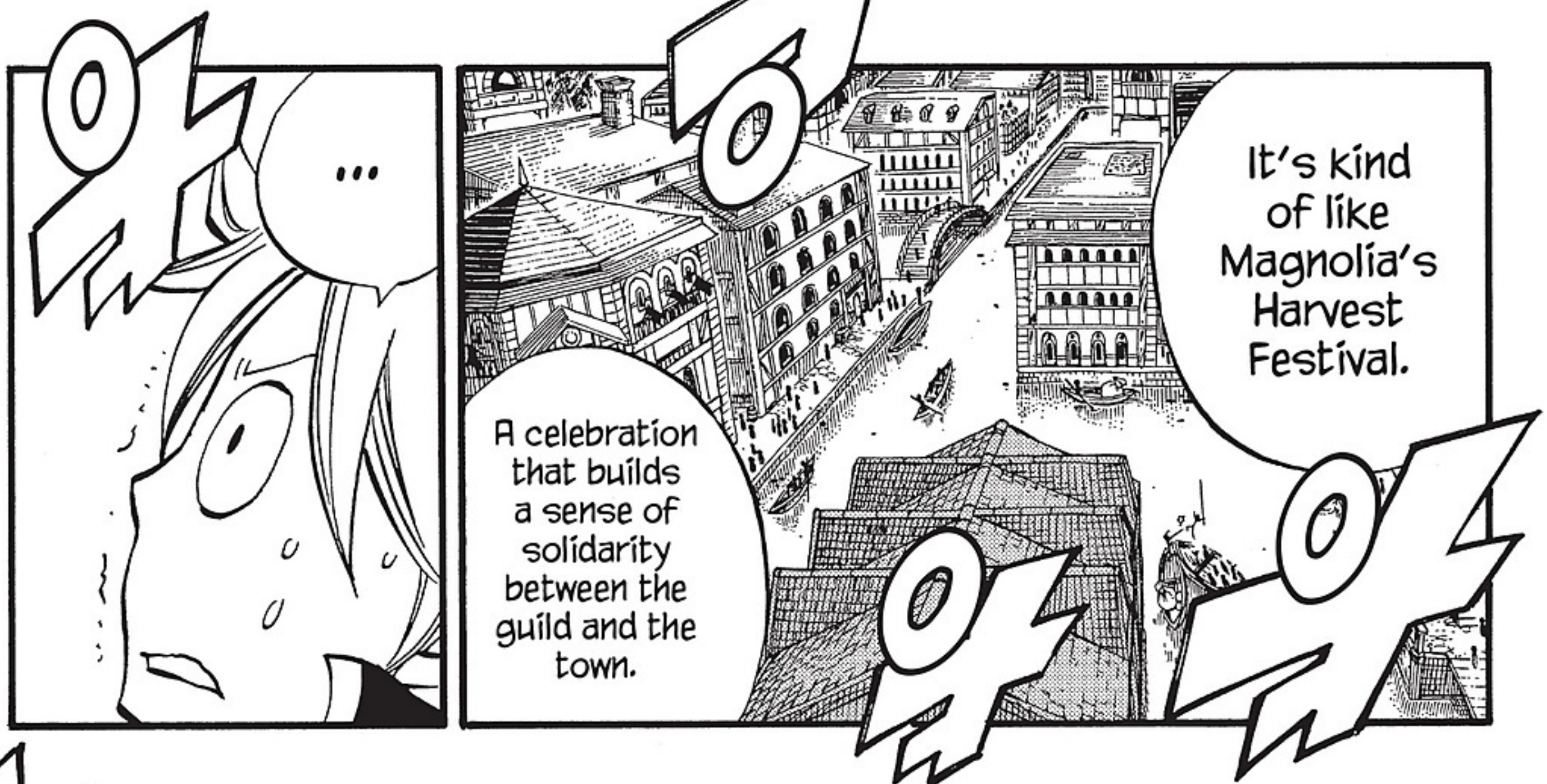
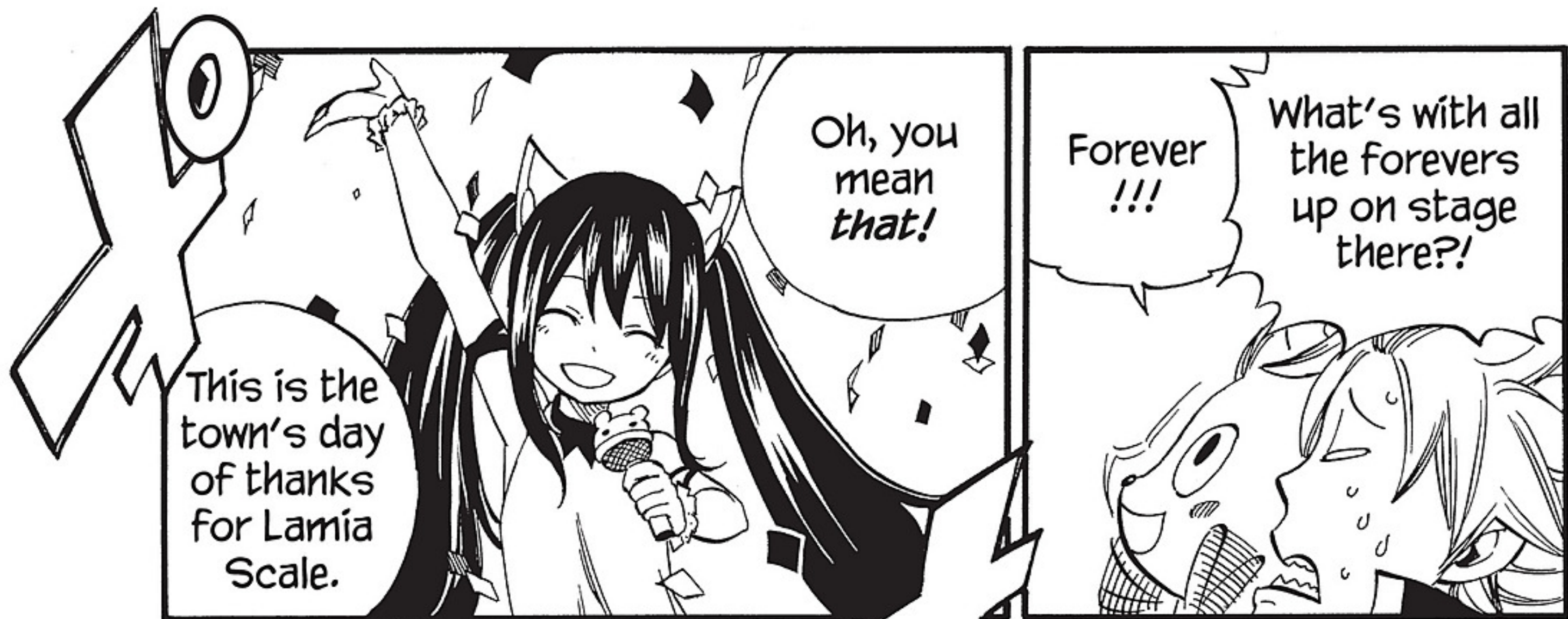


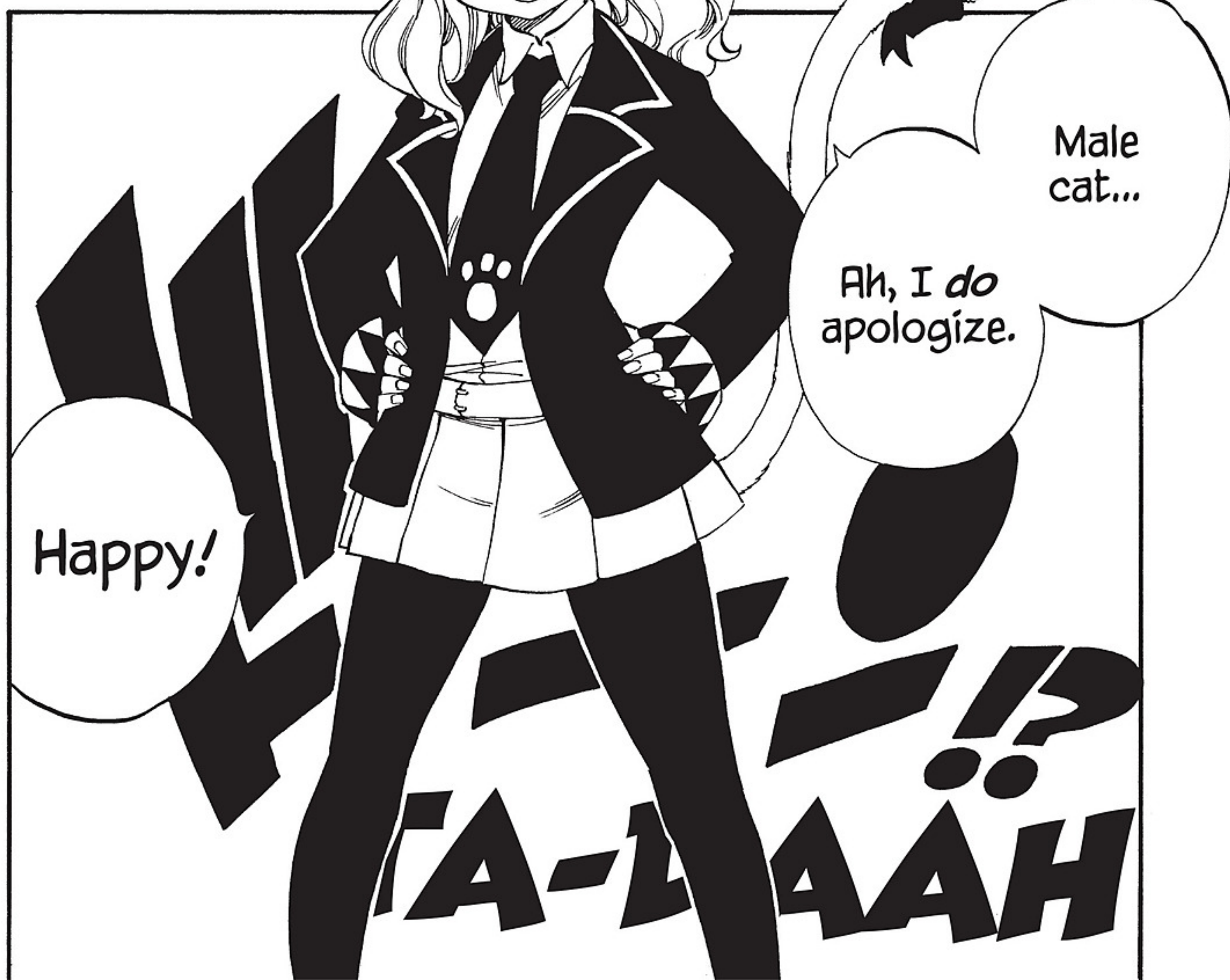
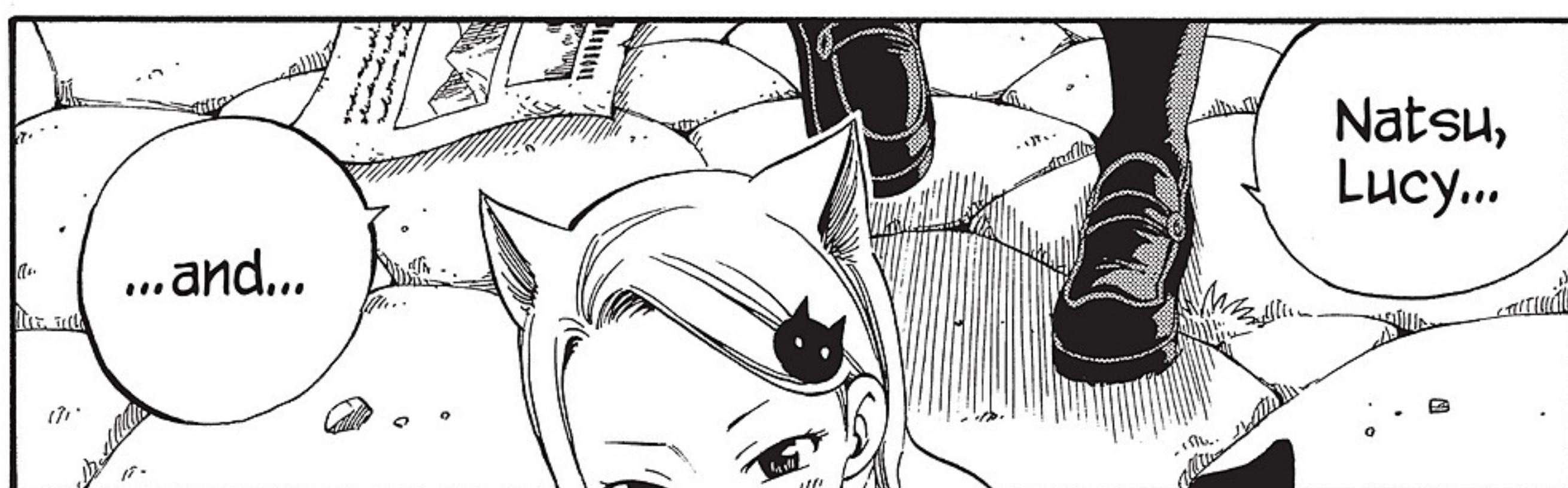
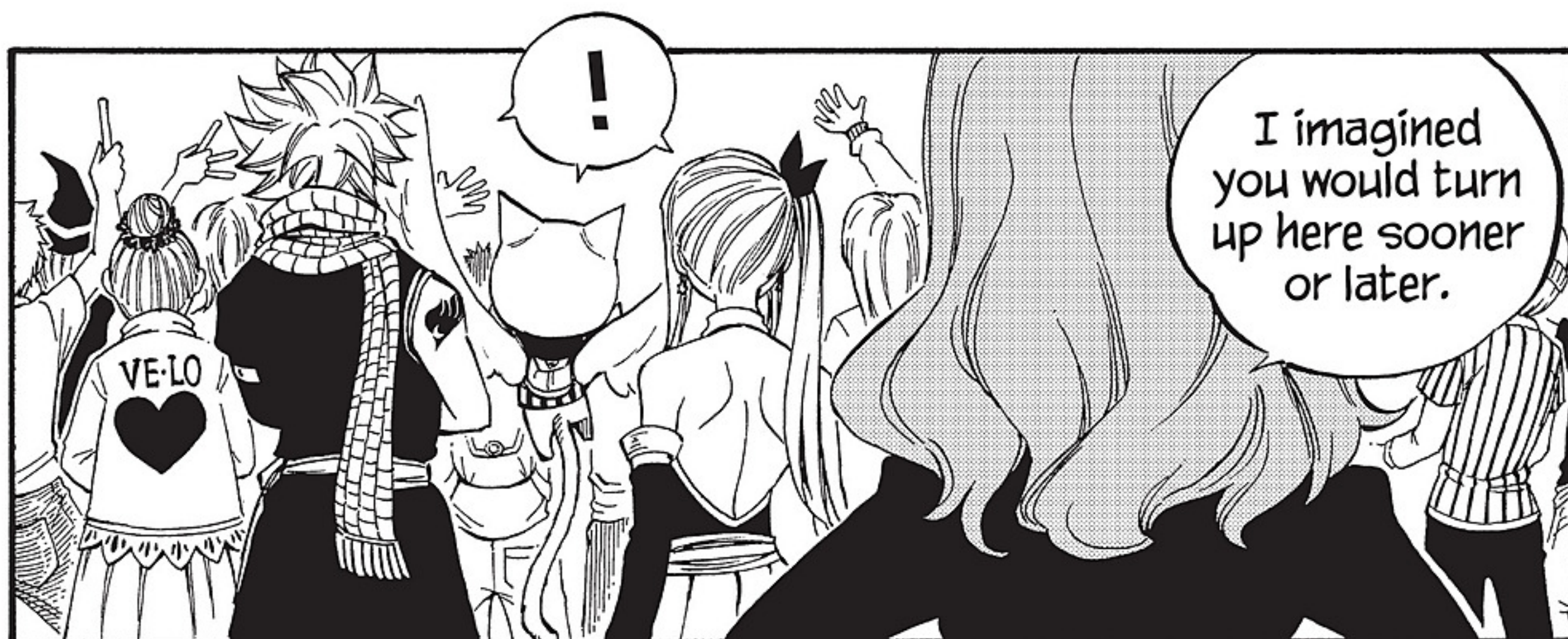












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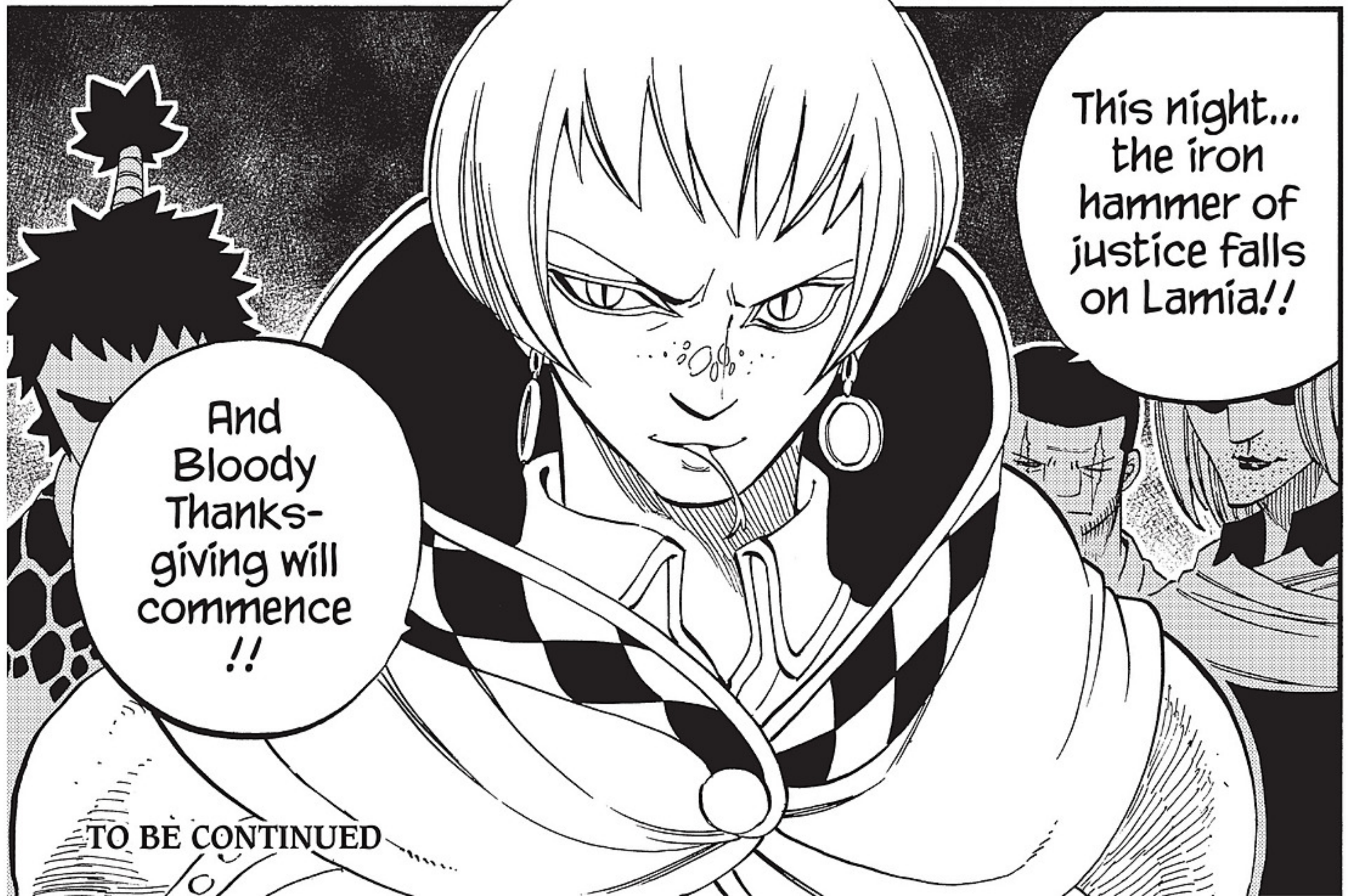
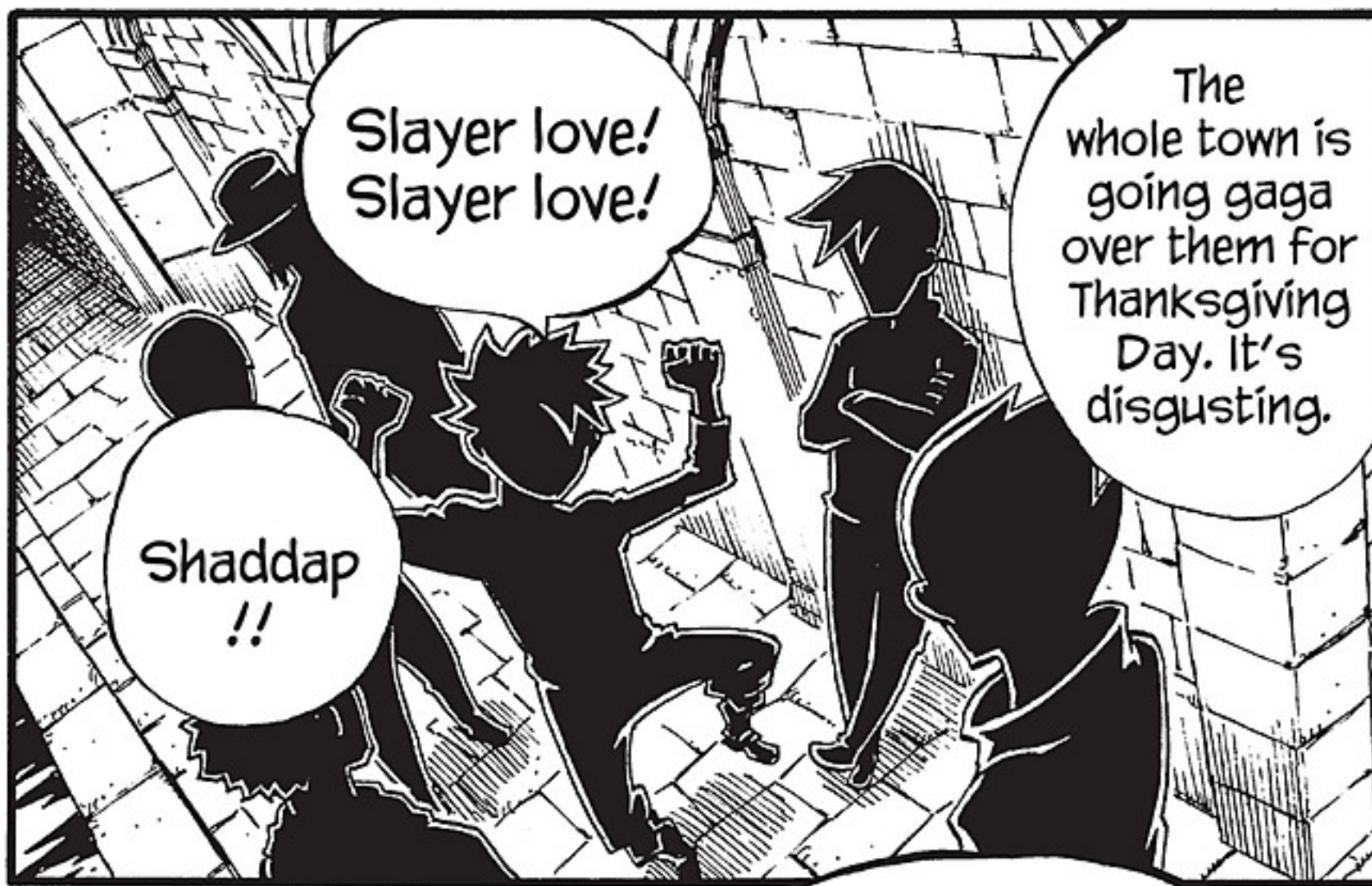
We've safely closed the curtain on the Tartaros Arc and started a brand new one. It's a little late to be saying this, but the Tartaros Arc was planned to be even longer. Well, a lot of things happened, and it was cut short, with three whole enemy characters cut along with it (cries), including a great part for Laxus. It's too bad. In exchange, we decided to make Laxus play a slightly bigger part in the anime. And I'm sure he'll get some great part to play in the new arc, too.

And so... The new arc. Who'd ever think that Fairy Tail would shut down for a whole year? People have changed, and some haven't changed. Actually, thinking while I write this about how people changed is a whole lot of fun!

There were a whole lot of sad parts and dark parts to the Tartaros Arc, so for this new arc, I've been thinking of making "hope" my theme.

So what happens next? Well, I'm actually drawing it from nothing more than a rough outline, so some of this is me feeling my way through it, but you can bet there are going to be some hot plot twists! And if not, I'll make them hot!! Stay tuned!

And so... And so... I've heard from all kinds of people on this thing with Doranbalt where he was always a member of Fairy Tail, and many of the comments were along the lines of, "There should be legal limits to the amount of retconning you can do!!" But to tell you the truth, this has been a planned part of the story for a long time now. Well, to tell you the real truth, I never got the chance to foreshadow it, and I wavered back and forth on whether to include it or not. Then suddenly the chance came, and I went for it.



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HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA

Wendy and Carla have become Lamia Scale wizards!!

I'd appreciate it if you didn't try to force her.

And Lucy-san, and Happy too!!!

Natsu-san!!!

It's been a year since Fairy Tail disbanded, and each member has headed down their own new path...

They're after the revival of Fairy Tail!!

I'm in Fairy Tail!!!

There appears, in the Village of the Rainbringer, a heartsick Luvia!! What change has come over her beloved Gray...?!

GRIN

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**ON SALE
SEPT. 2015!!**

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I didn't realize it, but it suddenly dawned on me that this is the 49th volume, and with the next one, it'll be 50!

It surprises even me!

I really didn't intend for it to go on this long, but the whole reason it's been able to continue like this is thanks to all of you!

With the new *Fairy Tail* series, there have been rumors that *Fairy Tail* is headed toward its final chapter, but in this volume we start a brand-new story arc!

We've still got a long way to go!

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.



Page 70, Ebi

As related in the notes for Vol. 2, Cancer is, of course, a crab, and since crabs in children's manga, anime, and some fairy tales end their sentences with the Japanese word for crab, *kani*, everyone expected Cancer to do the same. But instead, Cancer ends all his sentences with *ebi*, the Japanese word for "shrimp." He probably does this simply to be perverse.

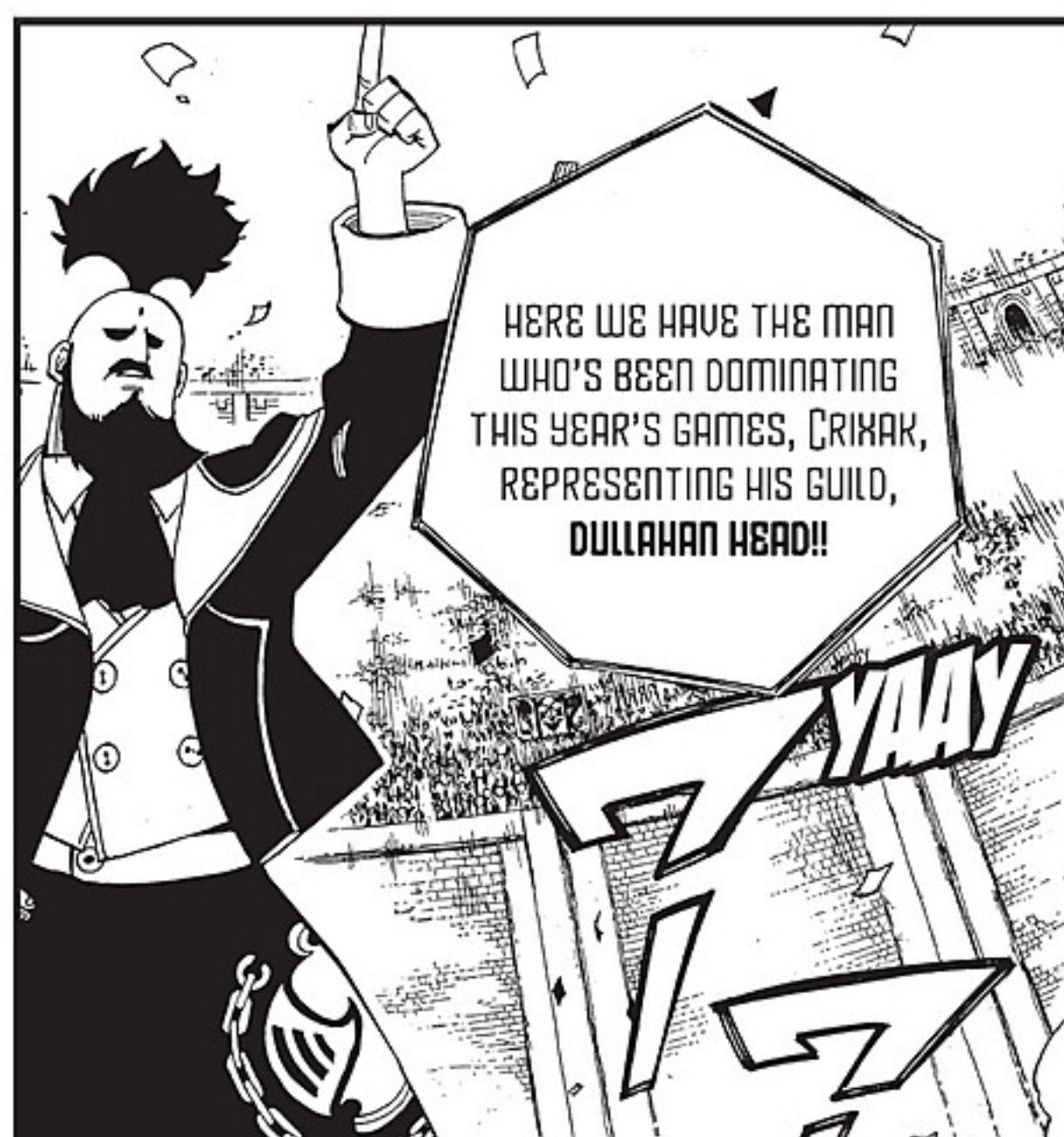
Page 96, Etherious

This was mentioned in the notes for Vol. 47, but there was a misunderstanding of the spelling of Etherious. While translating the first stories in which the word appeared, and with no explanation of what the word meant, I gave it the spelling I thought best suited the concept (and, as you might imagine, Hiro Mashima is far too busy to explain things to translators of every language). So it turned out that I misspelled Etherious in early printings of some previous volumes and the online publication. As you can see here, Etherious is meant to be spelled with an "E" at the beginning of it. I apologize for any confusion.



Page 122, Dullahan Head

A dullahan is a wraith out of Irish mythology that is probably the basis for the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow fame. A dullahan is a large black-clad rider on horseback who whips its horse with a whip made from a human spine. In its other hand, it carries its severed head, which illuminates the dark roads that it haunts with light that comes from its eyes. Also, its mouth is split from ear-to-ear, so a jack-o-lantern is actually a pretty good representation of a dullahan's head.



Page 136, Scarmiglione

Scarmiglione is one of the demons called Malebranche ("evil claws") from Dante's *Inferno*. They are assigned to the eighth circle of hell, where Scarmiglione tortures corrupt politicians by sinking them into boiling pitch. The Japanese kanji for "poison ogre's fang" doesn't seem to match Dante, but it could refer to the Scarmiglione villain from the *Final Fantasy* series. The one in *Final Fantasy IV* looks like a demon with enormous fangs.

Page 178, Kotoko Inn

The Kotoko Inn that Natsu, Happy and Lucy stayed at is a tribute to one of the singers in the idol group Nogizaka 46, Kotoko Sasaki. Apparently she is a fan of *Fairy Tail* and writes short comments on many of the new volumes on her blog when they come out. Hiro Mashima noticed, and they met in person.





THIS TIME,
I'LL SHOW
EVERYONE
THAT I CAN
DO THIS
JOB ON MY
OWN!

YOU'RE
SUCH A
WORRYWART,
CARLA! I'LL
BE FINE!
BETTER
THAN
FINE!!

BETTER
HOW?

LIKE
I SAID,
JUST
FINE!!



SO...

WENDY
...

BUT I
WANT
TO WALK
BACK
INTO THE
GUILD...

...AND
PROCLAIM
TO EVERY-
BODY THAT
I'M A PROUD
MEMBER
OF FAIRY
TAIL!

UP TO
NOW, I'VE
BEEN A
COMPLETE
FAILURE,
ALWAYS
RELYING
ON OTHER
PEOPLE
TO RESCUE
ME!

BASED ON
A STORY BY

**HIRO
MASHIMA**

MANGA BY

**RUI
WATANABE**

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ON SALE AUG. 2015!



I'M
GOING
TO GIVE
THIS MY
BEST...

YOU'LL
COME
WITH ME,
RIGHT,
CARLA?

DON'T
BE A
FOOL!

I'M ALWAYS
WITH YOU
EVERYWHERE,
AREN'T I?



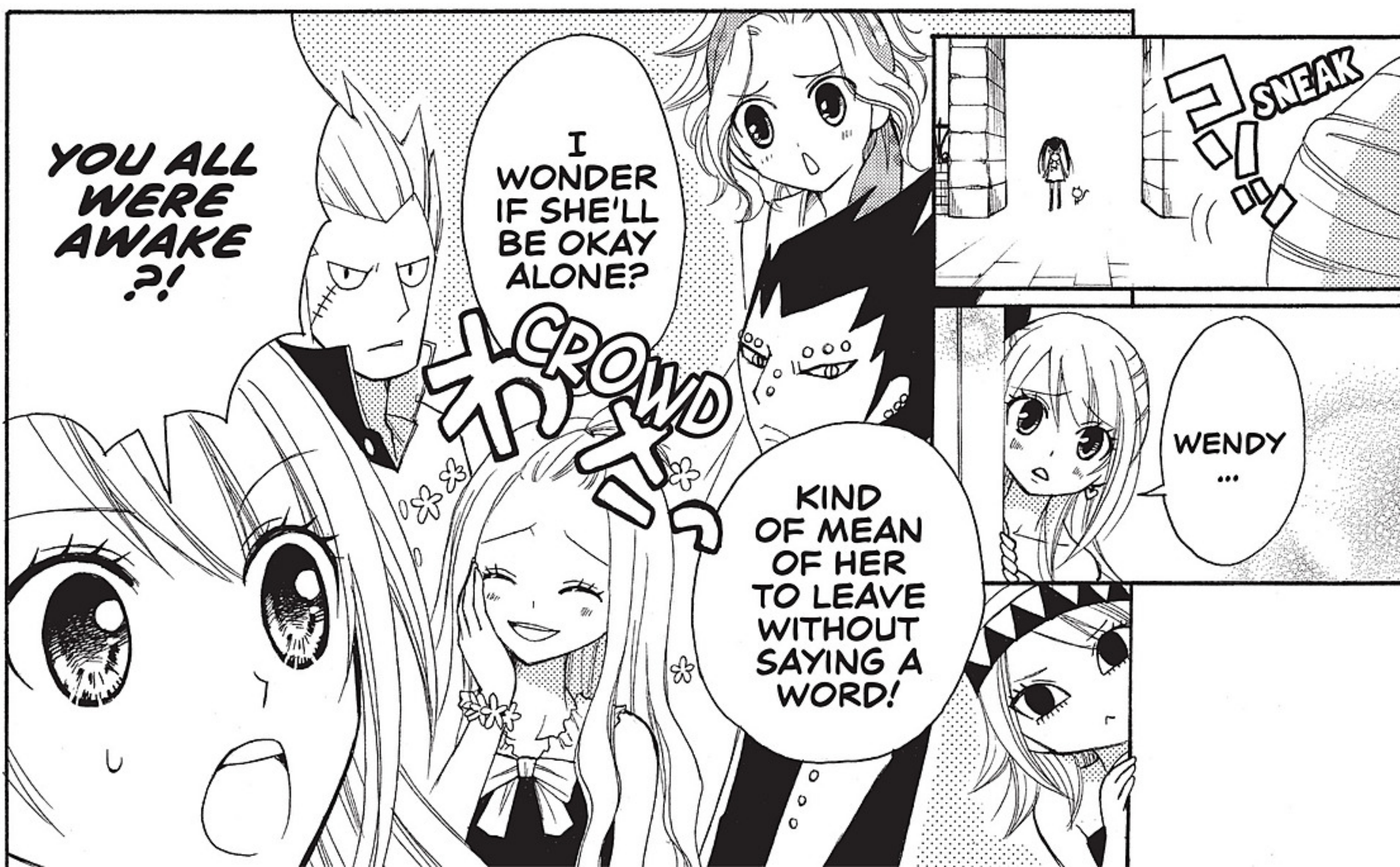
SO DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT, "I'M
ABOUT
TO CRY"
FACE!

BLUSH
ははは
I'M NOT
DOING
THAT
EITHER!

...SOME
JOB WE
CAN DO
ON OUR
OWN.

WE
START
WITH...

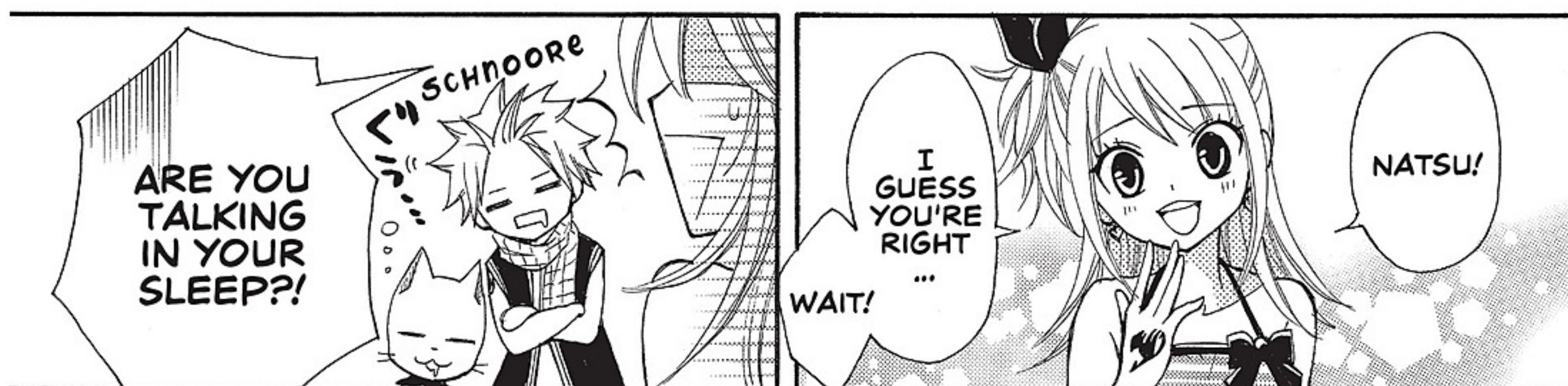
TWIRL
わーわー





AYE
!!

WENDY'S
GOING TO
BE FINE! NO
QUESTION!



ARE YOU
TALKING
IN YOUR
SLEEP?!

SCHNOORE

I
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT
...
WAIT!

NATSU!



GIVE IT
YOUR BEST,
WENDY!

OH,
FOR
PITY'S
SAKE!

CHATTER

ERZA!
ARE YOU
EXPECTING
A BATTLE
OR SOME-
THING?

IT IS
UNNECES-
SARY TO
WORRY
OVER
WENDY.

AND
YOU
DRESS
UP A
LITTLE,
GRAY!

NOW
JUST
CALM
DOWN.





MY NAME IS AGON, OF A
PLACE CALLED NANALU.

THEY
ONLY
WANTED
DRAGON
SLAYERS, SO
I HAVE TO
SHOW WHAT
A DRAGON
SLAYER CAN
DO!

WE NEED HELP IN
SOLVING A CREEPY
PHENOMENON THAT
OCCURS IN OUR
VILLAGE.

HOWEVER...



I HOPE IT
ISN'T TOO
SCARY...

I WON-
DER WHAT
"CREEPY
PHENOM-
ENON"
MEANS...

HI
RUSTLE

HEY!

WHY ARE
YOU NOT
MAKING EYE
CONTACT
WITH
ME?!

MAY-
BE.

SURE,
I'M
SURE!

THIS
ISN'T A
ROAD
ANY-
MORE,
WENDY!

ARE
YOU
SURE
WE'RE
GOING
THE
RIGHT
WAY?

WAAA!
DON'T
RUN!
YOU'LL
TRIP ON
SOME-
THING!!

BUT I
KNOW
THIS
IS THE
RIGHT
DIREC-
TION!!





LOOK,
CARLA!
IT'S
NANALU
VILLAGE!

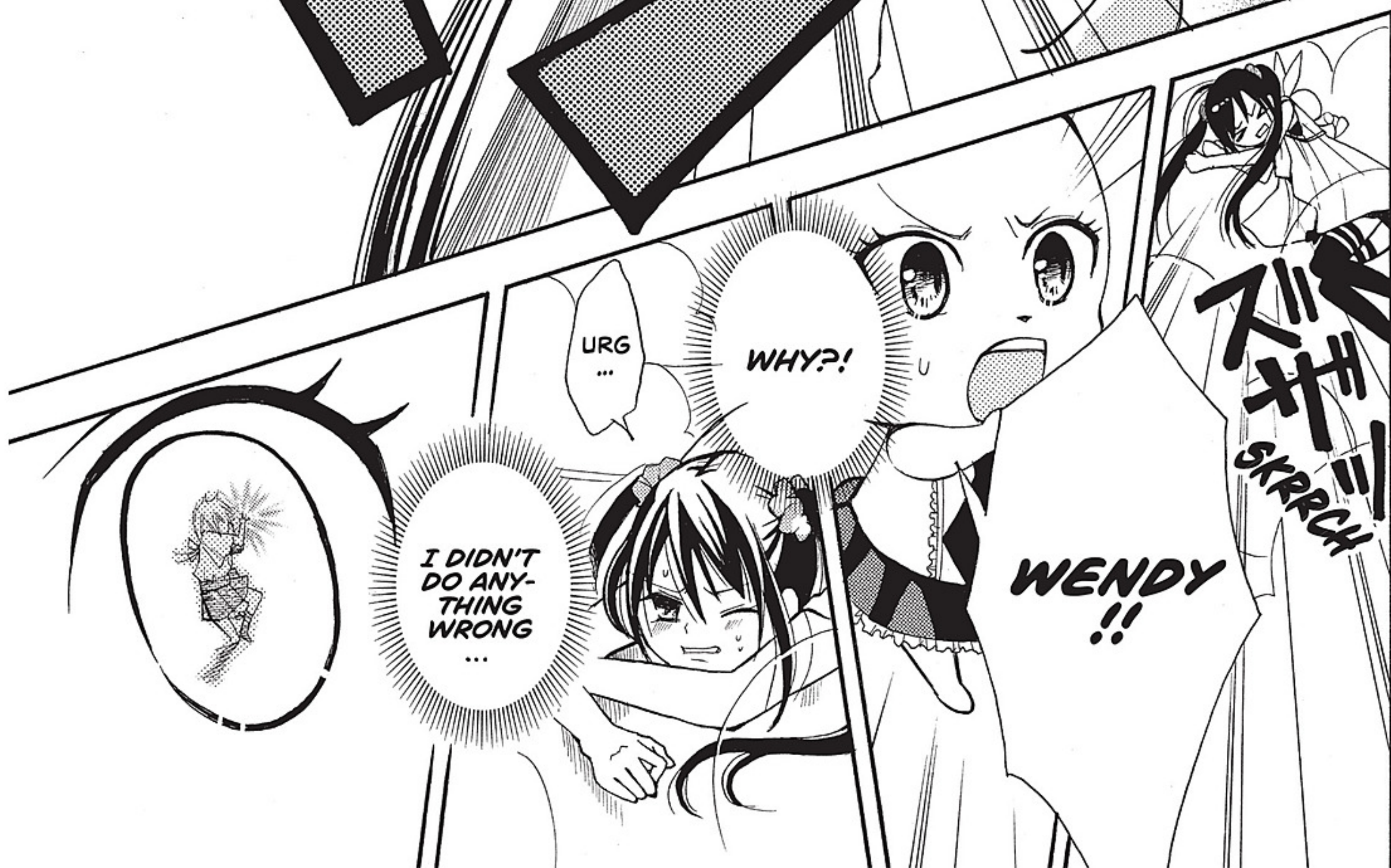
WHAT A
WONDERFUL
PLACE,
AND SO
ROMANTIC!

ADMIT
IT! YOU
WERE
LOST!

FW

WHAM

?!



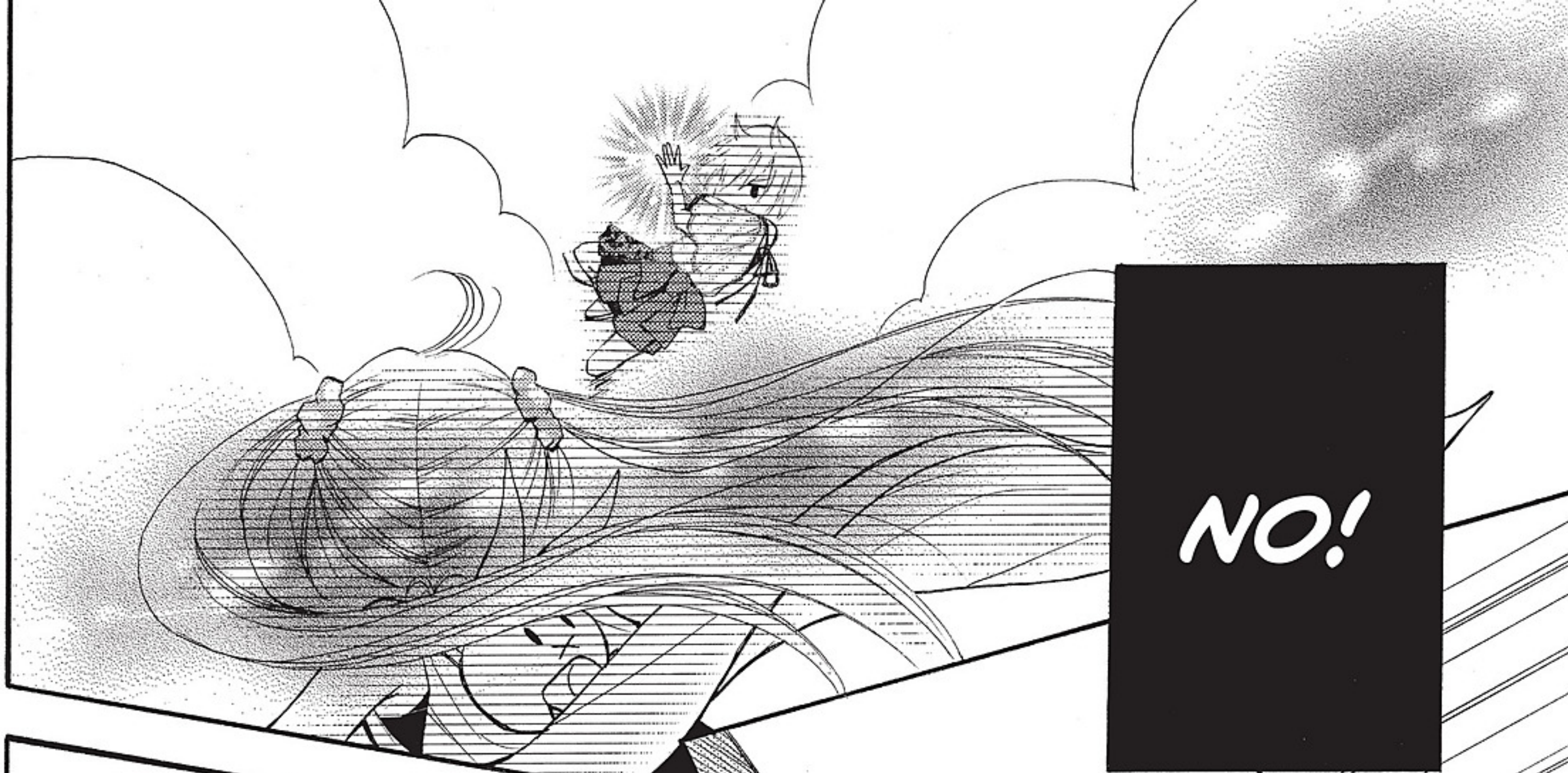
URG
...

WHY?!

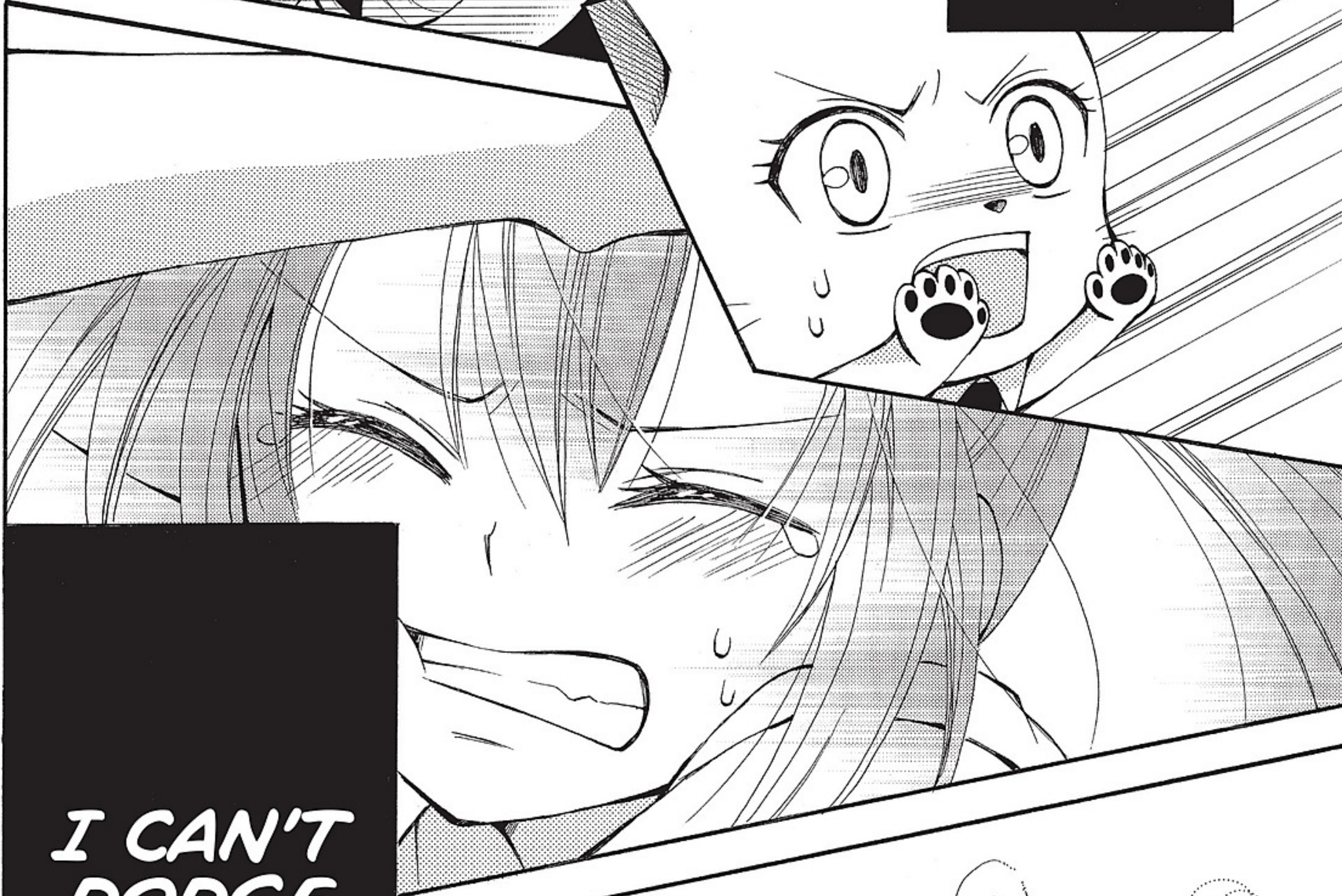
I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING
WRONG
...

**WENDY
!!**

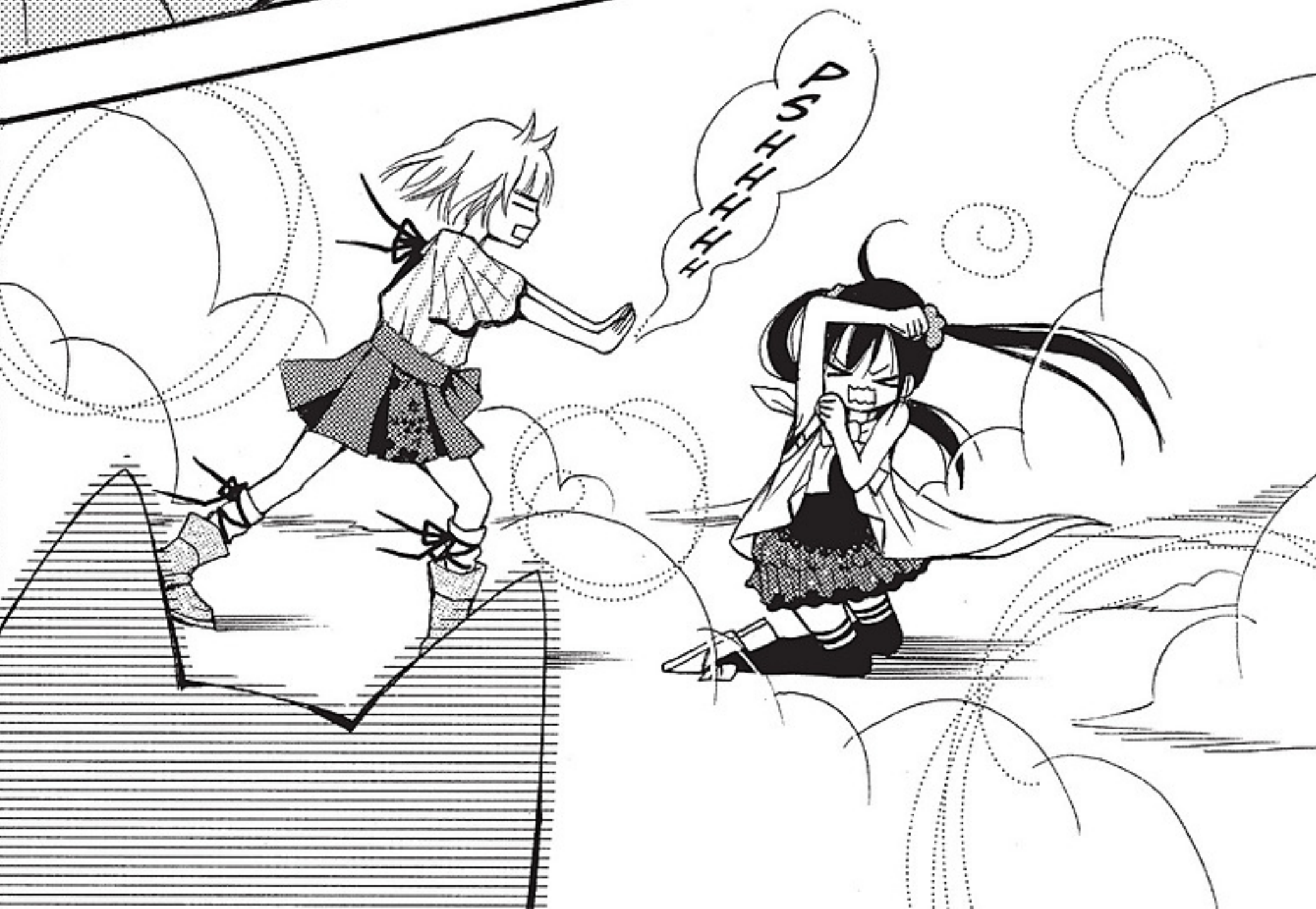
SKRRCH



NO!



**I CAN'T
DODGE
IT...**



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